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Palestinians masked in traditional Arab headdress burn an Israeli flag and carry Palestinian flags in Jerusalem's walled Old City before the funeral of Shawish. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Arabs oppose Plan for elections still alive, says US

WASHINGTON, April 12. (Agencies): The United States has discounted Arab opposition to an Israeli proposal for elections in the occupied territory, insisting the plan was still alive.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler also said Secretary of State James Baker was considering an Arab League request to meet in May with a delegation including a member of the PLO.

The meeting, if it took place, would be the highest level contact between the United States and the PLO since a dialogue was resumed last December after a 13-year hiatus.

Following PLO statements rejecting the election proposal, the Arab League on Monday declared the idea unacceptable to Arab nations and said Israel was trying to deflect pressure to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Despite this reaction, Tutwiler said the administration did not believe the proposal was effectively scuttled.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, under US pressure to propose "new ideas" to revive the Middle East peace process, offered elections in the Israeli-occupied territories on a visit to Washington last week.

Shamir "came with an idea which we believe has potential (but) there are a lot of questions to explore and we plan to do so in the days and weeks ahead," Tutwiler told reporters.

A senior US official said on Monday an appeal for support for the US approach would be made to Jordan's King Hussein, who is due here next week, other Arab states and to US allies.

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's permanent observer at the United Nations said the League would send a delegation of foreign ministers and its secretary-general to the United States in mid-May to discuss the Middle East. The group would include a PLO representative, he said.

Earlier, a US official said the administration expects Israel to reduce tensions in the occupied lands despite Shamir's public insistence his government plans no change.

Shamir told the United Nations yesterday that Israel did not need its help for now in advancing Middle East peace ideas.

Israeli military authorities have begun work on plans for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, security sources said.

The sources said yesterday the Israeli Army's general staff and judge advocate-general's office had started to draw up contingency plans and a legal structure for the polls to be presented at the next cabinet meeting on Sunday.

Shamir, who returns from the United States later this week, has said the government would set up working committees to decide on the format of the elections to choose Palestinian negotiators for an interim settlement with Israel.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a published interview the proposed elections in the occupied territories could come within six months if the United States can persuade "whoever needs to agree to elections."

Israeli Science Minister Ezer Weizman was quoted yesterday as urging his government to open direct dialogue with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

President Bush and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia spoke by telephone yesterday about peace efforts in the Middle East, the White House said.

## Crucial talks on Lebanese crisis

Christian team in Kuwait: Beirut bombarded

KUWAIT, April 12, (AP): A delegation of rightwing Lebanese Christian politicians arrived today for a meeting with the Arab League mediation panel on Lebanon, that is headed by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Welcoming the five-member Lebanese front delegation, headed by Phalange Party leader George Saadeh, Sheikh Sabah said: "We hope it will be the last of the meetings through which the Lebanese will find an end to their bloody fighting."

Kuwait officials described the session, expected to be only one round held later in the day, as "crucial."

The panel, formed in January to find ways of ending the 14-year civil war, also includes the foreign ministers of Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, United Arab Emirates and Jordan.



A young Lebanese child hurries past a wall pocked with shrapnel from artillery shelling near his house in West Beirut. (Reuter wirephoto)

## 'Persuade Pak and India to halt N-race'

Arm-twisting won't help: US

WASHINGTON, April 12, (AP): Both India and Pakistan are capable of making atomic weapons, so the United States must rely on political persuasion rather than restrictions on aid or technology to prevent their manufacture, says a senior State Department official.

"For Pakistan as for India, the barrier to acquisition of nuclear weapons is now political, not technical," Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Howard Schaffer said in testimony prepared for a House of Representative appropriations subcommittee.

"We believe that neither country has crossed the nuclear (weapons) threshold, and both governments desire to avoid a nuclear arms race," he added.

"US policy must strive to reduce motivations to go nuclear by either country."

**Background**  
Schaffer's statement came against a background of declarations by the Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers, Rajiv Gandhi and Benazir Bhutto respectively, that they did not want to possess atomic weapons but that acquisition of the weapons by the other could force reconsideration.

India staged an atomic explosion in 1974. Pakistan has been accused over the years of importing materials needed for nuclear weapons.

Schaffer reaffirmed that the United States will continue to

waive for Pakistan its restriction on aid to countries with nuclear facilities outside international inspection or believed directed at achieving weapons capability.

"It would be counter-productive for the US to cut off assistance to Pakistan or impose additional non-proliferation restrictions on our aid, since this would sharply reduce our ability to influence Pakistan's nuclear policy," he said.

**Reasonable**  
Continuation of the current six-year, multi-billion-dollar package of US military and economic aid to Pakistan also assumes that President Bush "will continue to be able to make the annual certification that ... Pakistan does not possess a nuclear explosive device" and that the aid will reduce its likelihood of acquiring one, said acting Deputy Assistant Defence Secretary Frederick Smith.

Smith said that from a military point of view, Pakistan's desire to buy more US F-16 jet fighters is reasonable and justified ... to maintain approximately the current air balance with India."

In the case of India, Schaffer said, in the past five years, the United States has been making naval visits and has begun providing some military items including components for a light combat aircraft project. In this way, the United States is helping to reduce India's military dependence on the Soviet Union, he said.

The secretary-general of the 22-member Arab League, Chadli Klibi, also attends the panel's sessions. It has held three previous rounds of talks with senior government officials, religious leaders and Muslim politicians.

Klibi and the Jordanian foreign minister today met HH the Amir of Kuwait.

The panel also has had contacts with Syria, which backs the Muslims.

Artillery shells exploded across Beirut and nearby mountains today as Christians and Muslims accused each other of bombarding residential districts of the divided city.

Panicking motorists blared horns and sped away after a shell slammed into a seaside boulevard near fish restaurants in Muslim West Beirut's Raouche district.

Police said one person was killed and seven were wounded in the barrage that broke out at 9.20 am (0720 GMT).

That raised the overall casualty toll to 181 people killed and 626 wounded since the current round of civil war fighting erupted March 8 between Gen. Michel Aoun's mostly Christian Army and an alliance of Syrian and Druze forces.

French Ambassador Paul Blanc told reporters that one shell hit the embassy compound in the Christian Hazmiyeh suburb "inflicting damage but no casualties." He refused to elaborate.

France has voiced concern for Lebanon's Christians and is sending two ships carrying humanitarian aid. Muslims claim the French are favouring the Christian side in the fighting.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon radio said Syrian gunners provoked the artillery barrage by shelling several areas in the Christian enclave.

The Muslim-run Voice of the Nation blamed the escalation on Christian gunners and said they were targeting the Raouche district.

Civilians rushed back in to bunkers and underground bomb shelters. Shopkeepers lowered their shutters and employees ran out of their offices as the thud of exploding shells rocked the city.

It was not clear when the two French ships would arrive. One of them, the French Navy hospital ship La Rance, anchored today off the port of Larnaca in Cyprus, harbour authorities said.

A harbour official, who requested anonymity, said the second vessel, the tanker Fenhors, docked a few hours later at Larnaca to fill up with fuel for Lebanon.

## 5-day week

All bank staff to get 100 dinar Eid bonus

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times staff

BANKS in Kuwait will give a KD100 bonus to all their employees for Eid Al Fitr, sources said yesterday. They also said higher authorities are studying a proposal to introduce a five-day working week for the banks.

Sources told the Arab Times employees of all banks, irrespective of their job description, would get the bonus. He could not give an exact date but said the bonus will be given in the holy month of Ramadan.

Hundreds of bank employees would benefit from the generosity of the bank authorities, the sources added.

The bonus came as a surprise for most bank employees, who felt left out when the government had announced a bonus to all civil servants at the time of the Kuwait National Day.

Sources confirmed higher authorities are "seriously" considering the introduction of five-day week and a two-day weekend for banks.

The proposal, they said, has been endorsed by local banks and is awaiting approval.

If approved and implemented, bankers will work longer hours, from 7.30 am to 3 pm. Under the proposal, banks will be open from Saturday to Wednesday, with two days off on Thursday and Friday.

The idea of a shorter working week has been in circulation for quite a few years but was never "taken seriously." Each time the proposal was made, it was withdrawn for some reason or another.

As the proposal has been approved by the local banks, authorities feel the chances are high of its approval this year, one of the sources said.

Some bank employees, contacted by the Arab Times, were sceptical the proposal would get off the ground. Others said they expected the proposal to be approved, and welcomed a two-day weekend.

## DAY BY DAY

THOUGH the holy month of Ramadan is the month of blessings, patience and assistance to others, besides many other good features, some people who fast act in a manner which should not even be spoken to.

These very people do not want to work and will berate anyone who approaches them in this respect. This particularly applies to employees who are arrogant and belittle people who call on them for services.

Obviously, not all employees are the same. We are referring to those employees who look very disturbed and angry during the holy month of Ramadan.

Zahed Matar

## Deal soon

## Four French subs for Saudis

PARIS, April 12, (KUNA): France and Saudi Arabia will shortly sign a deal on supplying the Saudi Navy with four submarines, according to a press report here today.

French daily Les Echos said that previous negotiations between the two countries had been suspended due to Saudi Arabia's rationalisation policy after the

decrease of its oil revenues. The paper added that the visit of French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement to Riyadh last November has brought to life again the issue of the submarines deal.

Saudi Arabia decided to cut down the number of the French submarines it intends to purchase from eight to four.

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## 1st session open Saboteurs' trial May 13

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Head of the State Security Court Chancellor Abdul Hai Al Bannai said the court next May 13 will look into the state-security case involving 33 suspects, 18 of whom are Kuwaitis.

The first hearing will be open and procedural, and the public as well as press reporters will be allowed to attend provided they obtain entry permits in advance from the court secretary.

The State security prosecutor filed the following charges against the suspects:

■ Involvement in outlawed groups that drive at destroying the basic systems unlawfully, including forceful undermining of the existing social and economic systems, being aware of what they were doing.

■ Calling for embracing ideologies that aim at demolishing the basic systems in Kuwait through illegal means.

■ Disclosure of one of the country's defence secrets.

■ Involvement in criminal agreement aiming at assassinating a number of public figures.

■ Robbery of public funds.

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## Thousand mourn slain Palestinian

Three Jews detained

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 12, (UPI): Three Jews were held for questioning in the killing of a Palestinian just outside the Old City as more than 1,000 mourners marched in a funeral procession for the slain man.

Police fired rubber bullets yesterday at several dozen mourners who stoned a police station, but did not disperse the march through the Old City. Two people were wounded by rubber bullets.

Khaled Shawish, 26, was killed on Monday night by an apparently Jewish gunman who opened fire with a submachine gun outside the wall of the Old City near Jaffa gate. Three other Arabs were seriously wounded in the bloody incident in Jerusalem since the start of the 16-month-old Palestinian uprising.

Three Jews, including two from Jerusalem, who "may have some connection to the incident," were detained, a police spokesman said. Investigators said they have evidence the shootings were political, but have not ruled out a criminal motive.

The mysterious Jewish group Sicarites called Israel radio for a second time yesterday, claiming responsibility for the shootings. The caller said the attack was to avenge the stoning of Jews on Friday at the Western Wall.

In an apparently related incident, four bullets were found outside the Jerusalem house of an Israeli who works at a clinic for Arabs. "Sicarit" was written on a nearby wall. In recent weeks, Sicarit took responsibility for attacks on the houses of Israeli leftists.

In an interview with Israel Radio, Police Minister Chaim Bar-Lev denounced the Shawish killing, but also warned Muslims not to cause trouble on the Temple Mount, the holy area within the Old City from which rioters threw stones at the nearby Western Wall plaza.

Witnesses said the gunman, who escaped, appeared to be Jewish and was wearing an Israeli Army uniform. Six tourists, including several Egyptians, who saw the shooting were asked to remain in the country.

On the Temple Mount, an estimated 1,300 mourners gathered for the funeral of Shawish.



Arafat's visit

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat will pay a few hours working visit to Austria on Friday, a high ranking diplomatic source in Vienna said. Arafat will hold talks with Chancellor Vranitzky Franz and Vice Chancellor Alois Mock. Arafat is also expected to meet with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Kuwaiti buys prestige London club

LONDON, April 12, (Reuter): A wealthy Arab family has bought a Central London mansion which is home to the prestige Army and Navy Club, founded last century to give military men a place to hang their hats off duty.

Club officials said yesterday that the Kuwaiti Al Marzook family, which has extensive international property interests, had paid about £28 million (\$47.6 million) for the building.

The club, founded in 1865 and known to its 5,500 members as the "In and Out", has a lease until 1995. Its president is Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth.

Distinguished previous tenants of the building in Piccadilly, overlooking Green Park, include Lord Palmerston who was one of Queen Victoria's prime ministers.

The takeover is expected to result in a sharp rise in the club's £6,000 (\$10,200) annual rent but officials said they believed the Marzooks would be sympathetic landlords.

The Army and Navy now recruits members from all walks of life and is one of London's most popular clubs.

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# New record in terrorist acts

WASHINGTON, April 12. (AP) Terrorism increased worldwide to a new record in 1988, while the number of anti-US incidents increased in all regions, the State Department reported to Congress yesterday.

The bombing of a Pan Am jetliner in December, which the department's Office of Counterterrorism said probably was terrorism, and incidents stemming from the Palestinian uprising on the West Bank and in Gaza helped push the total of a new high of 856, a three per cent jump over 832 in 1987.

As a result, 658 people were killed and 1,131 wounded, an increase in fatalities from 633 in 1987, but a decrease in injuries from 2,272 in 1987.

The United States, the report said, remained a primary target for international terrorism, as the number of anti-US incidents rose from 149 in 1987 to 185 last year. This resulted in 192 persons killed and 40 wounded, compared with seven Americans killed and 47 wounded in 1987.

The increase was due largely to the attack on Pan Am 103 in which 259 people aboard the jumbo jet and 11 on the ground perished.

The Palestinian uprising, which began in December 1987

## US may kill terrorists

WASHINGTON, April 12. (KUNA) The US may embark on assassinations of terrorists without violating a 1976 ban on such killings, the Army's top lawyer has concluded.

Due to changes in "the nature of the threat" from terrorists, Maj. Gen. Hugh Overholt said in an eight-page memo disclosed here, terrorists may be hunted down and killed under the legal concept of "national self-defence."

Overholt called the use of "military force" against identified terrorist targets a "legitimate exercise of the international right of self-defence" protected under the United Nations charter and not one that "constitutes assassination."

And, according to an Army spokesman, the new policy applies not only to "actual" or "imminent" threats but to "continuing" ones.

"If we're going after terrorists as a matter of self-defence, that is not assassination," the spokesman added.

and continued through last year in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, should be viewed overall as a "civil insurrection," the State Department said.

But the report said since it contained "elements of terrorism" in some instances all civilian casualties were included.

Latin America was the area showing the largest per cent of the anti-US incidents against US citizens and property — 60 per cent.

On the whole, the Middle East again had the highest incidence of international terrorism, incurring 313 attacks or 36 per cent of

the world-wide total.

Iran's decision to end its war with Iraq and expand its ties to the West lessened Iranian involvement in terrorism temporarily, although Iran continued to include terrorism among its foreign-policy tools, the report said.

Ranked behind Israel, in order, as the site for the most terrorist incidents were Pakistan, Colombia, Spain, Lebanon, West Germany, Zimbabwe, South Korea, Peru and France.

The 10 countries accounted for 75 per cent of the incidents during the year, the report said.

# Colombo begins unilateral truce

COLOMBO, April 12. (Agencies) The government today suspended military operations against anti-government rebels to enable them to give up arms and surrender under a peace plan, officials said.

The weeklong unilateral ceasefire began at 6 am (0130 GMT), said an official, who cannot be identified under briefing regulations.

There was no immediate report of any surrender. The largest Tamil militant group yesterday rejected the ceasefire offer.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa on April 2 announced the offer in a bid to end six years of ethnic violence that has claimed 12,500 lives.

"We will not agree to any ceasefire so long as the Indian Army remains in Sri Lanka," a

leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said yesterday.

Premadasa offered the truce to Tamil and Sinhalese militants. During the truce, the military would suspend operations against the rebels.

The government today invited leftwing Sinhalese rebel leaders for talks with Premadasa on ending their bloody campaign to seize power.

Sinhalese extremists yesterday assassinated the twin brother of a senior military officer in an attack some 200 yards away from the heavily guarded headquarters of the ruling United National Party, authorities said.

In Colombo police said Sarath Aligama was driving away from his soft drink-manufacturing plant in the suburb of Pita Kotte when five gunmen blocked the

road and opened fire on his van. Aligama was killed instantly.

Aligama was the twin brother of Brig. Lakshman Aligama, who had overseen operations against the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP or People's Liberation Front) in the Sinhalese rebel southern province stronghold until last week, when he was named military secretary at Army headquarters in Colombo.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Brief reunion with husband

LONDON, April 12. (AP) Princess Anne had a brief reunion yesterday with her husband of 15 years while a royal aide the tabloids say is smitten with her remained on duty behind the walls of Windsor Castle.

All three kept silent on the questions that grip Britain's mass-circulation newspapers: Is the marriage of the Queen's only daughter in trouble, and is Timothy Laurence, the royal aide who wrote four letters to her, the other man in her life?

Buckingham Palace refused to comment on reports that Laurence, a handsome 34-year-old bachelor who is a Royal Navy commander, had offered his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II.

It said only that the theft of the four letters delivered to the Sun, Britain's largest-circulation tabloid, was under investigation by Scotland Yard.

### One killed in bomb blast

WARRENPOINT, Northern Ireland, April 12. (Reuters) One person was killed and up to 30 others were injured in a bomb attack on a Northern Ireland police station today, police said.

The police station in the centre of the border town of Warrenpoint was devastated by the bomb which was planted in a van and went off without warning, police said.

A telephone warning was received at a local hospital but the call came nine minutes after the blast.

### Li Peng arrives in Tokyo

TOKYO, April 12. (AP) China's Premier Li Peng arrived in Tokyo today for the first visit to Japan by a Chinese head of government in seven years.

In an arrival statement, Li said the steady improvement of relations between the two countries was beneficial to both nations and to the cause of world peace. Kyodo News Service reported.

Before leaving Beijing earlier today, Li said a growing political scandal in Japan would not interfere with the visit.

### Singer Jones freed on bail

KINGSTON, April 12. (AP) Actress-singer Grace Jones was freed from jail yesterday after a court granted her bail on a charge of cocaine possession.

Magistrate Carol Lawrence-Beswick freed the entertainer on bail of 15,000 Jamaican dollars on condition that she return for trial on June 6.

### Belgium seeks delay in NATO decision

RUSSELS, April 12. (AP) Belgium said yesterday it wants NATO to delay a decision to modernise its short-range nuclear arms until the early 1990s and open East-West arms talks on the weapons as soon as possible.

"By adopting this position, Belgium hopes to contribute to ... arms control and disarmament," Prime Minister Wilfried Martens told the defence and foreign affairs committees of Parliament.

The seven Warsaw Pact nations are expected to make a detailed proposal for talks with NATO on short-range nuclear weapons.

### 23 pounds of heroin seized

NEW YORK, April 12. (AP) Drug agents confiscated 23 pounds (10.4 kilograms) of heroin and apprehended five Chinese men after three months of trying to set up a \$950,000 undercover deal, authorities said yesterday.

The five, who are in their mid-20s are from the city of Fuzhou, were charged with conspiracy to distribute heroin, officials said.

### Diamonds fetch record price

NEW YORK, April 12. (Reuters) A blue diamond fetched \$2.09 million and a pink diamond \$1.26 million at auction yesterday, setting world records for the highest price ever paid per carat for each kind of diamond, Christie's auction house said.

Laurence Graff, of the British company Graff Diamonds Ltd, paid a record \$296,454 per carat for the 7.05-carat blue pear-shaped stone and \$408,064 per carat for the 3.14-carat pink stone.

### New Earl of Lincoln's tour

LINCOLN, April 12. (AP) Edward Fiennes-Clinton, a former Australian sheep shearer who is the new Earl of Lincoln, received a guided tour of his family seat in northeast England yesterday.

"This is the first time I've seen Lincoln," he said. "I like it. The city's nice and so are the people."

### Saliva-based AIDS test

BEAVERTON, Oregon, April 12. (UPI) Epitope Inc. announced yesterday it has completed pre-clinical trials on a rapid saliva-based AIDS test it plans to eventually provide for home use.

Epitope expects to take the US Food and Drug Administration for an investigational drug application by June 30 and begin clinical trials on the test, said Denis Burger, chairman of the Beaverton Biotechnology Company.

### Soviets seek asylum in Italy

VARESE, Italy, April 12. (Reuters) A six-member Soviet rock band asked for political asylum yesterday after playing a series of concerts to raise money for Armenian earthquake relief, police said.

### Australian aid for Aden

RIYADH, April 12. Australia will provide dollars 75,000 for flood victims in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Gareth Evans, announced today.

Australia's contribution follows an appeal from the government of South Yemen to the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (UNDRO) for assistance.

Evans noted that Australia's contribution will be distributed through UNDRO.

## SWAPO guerrillas 'are unlikely to surrender'

OSHAKAT, Namibia, April 12. (Agencies) A British peacekeeping officer said SWAPO guerrillas are unlikely to surrender and return to Angola as long as South Africa-backed troops remain at UN-operated assembly points with orders to interrogate the rebels.

Hours into the multinational attempt to lure SWAPO guerrillas out of Namibia, a UN peacekeeping troop said yesterday not a single fighter had surrendered.

UN flags and makeshift banners rose above wild fig trees at noon at two stations in the northern bush and seven others along the border, signalling the start of

a programme intended to return the fighters to Angola and restart Namibia's UN-run independence plan.

British members of the UN transition assistance group set up radio links between the nine operational stations yesterday. Their commander, British Col. Neil Donaldson, said in the northern town of Oshakat no SWAPO fighters had turned up in the first five hours.

SWAPO President Sam Nujoma has broadcast a message by radio to his guerrilla fighters in northern Namibia, telling them to stop and return to Angola. UN diplomats said today.

## Situation calmer in Georgian capital

MOSCOW, April 12. (Reuters) Calm appeared to be returning to Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia, today, with more people returning to work three days after 18 died in nationalist riots.

A journalist at Georgian television, speaking by telephone from Tbilisi, said public transport was functioning normally and most enterprises appeared to be operating. The number of tanks and soldiers in the city centre was sharply reduced.

The journalist said Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, sent to his native Georgia to investigate the deaths, had won wide praise for his handling of the situation.

"He is getting a very favourable reaction from the population," the journalist said.

Reports from Tbilisi yesterday, declared a day of mourning, had said tension was still high in the city, with groups of people looting shops and attacking taxi drivers and residents trying to go to work.

The Communist Party daily Pravda today criticised Georgian media for keeping people in the dark about events and fueling unfounded rumours. It said local officials had created additional confusion by failing to issue enough permits for workers on shifts during an 11 pm to 6 am curfew.

The daily, quoting Georgia's Interior Ministry, also identified four men arrested on charges of organising last week's nationalist demonstrations.

The television journalist said foreign specialists had started their investigation into the killings on Sunday, when troops dispersed a crowd shouting nationalist slogans in front of the government building in the southern Soviet republic.

Many of the protesters had been calling for Georgia to leave the Soviet Union and denouncing Russian influence on Georgian culture.

Most news reports said at least 10 of the victims were women and the weekly Moscow news said one was pregnant. At least 250 people were injured.

The journalist said three people had been taken to hospital with wounds on Monday night.



### What's inside

Curious Christopher Chudleigh, 4, seeks up the kilt of 'Big Rory' as the three-metre tall Highlander basked for lunchtime crowds in Melbourne. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Investigators want to raise sunken sub

MOSCOW, April 12. (UPI) Soviet investigators want to retrieve a nuclear attack submarine that sank in icy waters more than 4,000 feet (1,200 m) deep off the Norwegian coast with two nuclear armed torpedoes aboard.

Vice Adm. Sergei Vargin, head of the northern fleet political department, told the evening television news programme Vremya yesterday that raising the "Mike" class submarine

would help naval experts determine why the vessel burned and sank, killing 42 sailors.

"It is filled with water now, and we consider it necessary to raise it," he said. "Experts think it is necessary to retrieve it to fully investigate the reason for this disaster."

Vargin said the Navy believed the sunken sub with two nuclear-tipped torpedoes aboard had not been crushed in the deep waters of the Norwegian Sea.

## Nurse offers help in 'mercy killings' probe

VIENNA, April 12. (AP) A nurse who reported a suspicious death at a Vienna hospital last year has offered to help with the investigation of four nurses aides who confessed to what they described as 49 "mercy killings."

All the patients were elderly and were killed with overdoses of medicine or by forcing water into their lungs. Police said they doubted the nurses' claim of mercy killing because of the methods used.

After a cabinet meeting yesterday, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky spoke of the case as "the most brutal and gruesome crime in Austria's history."

The first deaths in the ward at Lainz hospital, Vienna's fourth-largest, occurred in 1983 but most were reported in the last two years, police said. The ward has come to be known as "the death pavilion."

Nurses aides Maria Gruber, 25; Irene Leidolf, 27; Waltraud Wagner, 30, and Stephanie Mayer, 50, are in custody but no formal charges have been filed. Three were arrested on Friday and one Sunday.

As nurses aides, the women carried out general duties of washing and feeding patients, but had no right to give injections, hospital officials said.

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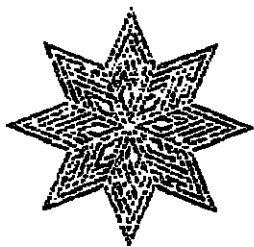
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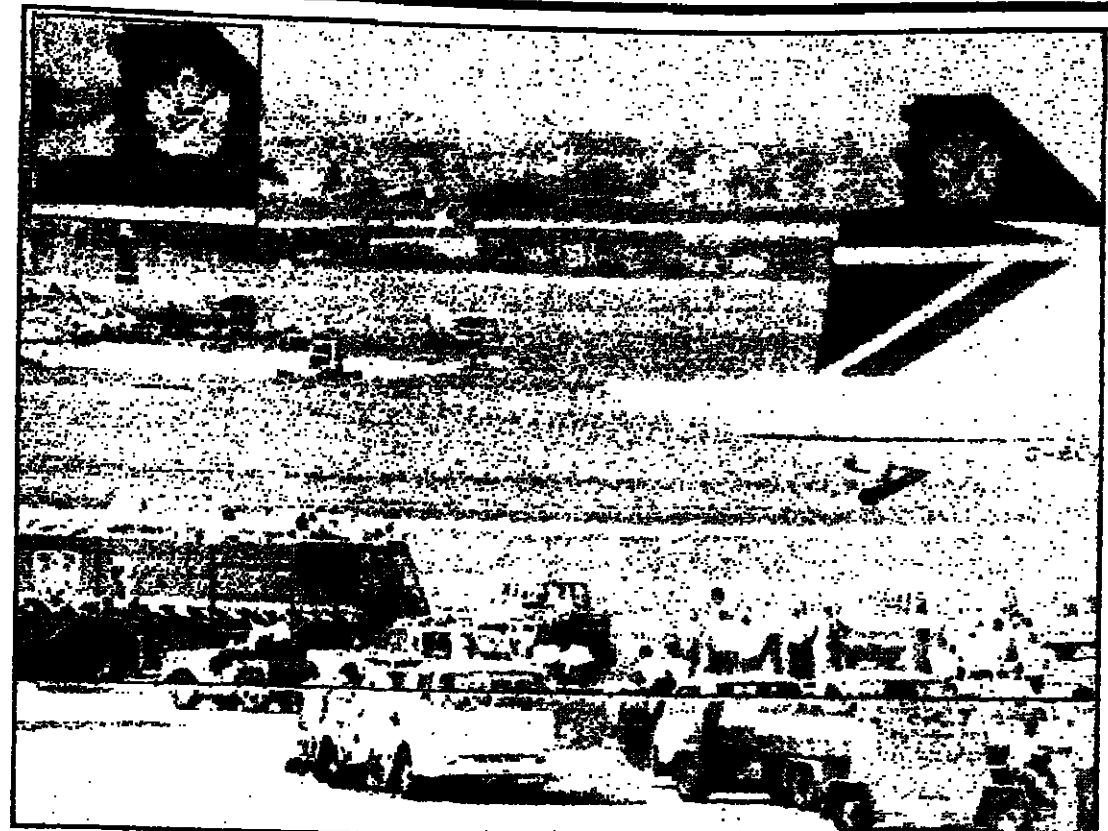


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Tail torn off

Picture shows emergency crews surrounding the Concorde and (inset) close-up of the tail section.

A BRITISH Airways supersonic Concorde jetliner carrying 100 American passengers on a round-the-world journey landed in Sydney yesterday after part of its tail stabiliser was torn off at 47,000 feet (14,300 metres).

Sydney airport workers were put on full emergency alert after a controller saw through binoculars that part of the tail section was missing.

There were no reports of injuries. About a nine-foot (2.7-metre) section of the tail was missing when the plane landed.

The Concorde, making the first all-supersonic flight around the world, was trying to set more than one dozen speed records as it circles the globe and had been scheduled to land in Sydney, organisers said.

Most passengers, who had paid \$39,000 a head for the 22-day round-the-world charter flight which left London on April 1, were unaware of the extent of the damage.

"About 25 minutes after takeoff from New Zealand there was a large thump," passenger Sheila Cole Nliva, a freelance journalist, said in a telephone interview.

"Everybody looked at everybody else and hunch was served. The stewardesses looked terrified," she said. "The pilot came on and said there was nothing to worry about and that there was a piece loose on the airplane."

Stanton said the pilot was unaware of any problem until he was alerted by the control tower at Sydney's Kingsford-Smith International Airport.

## Scientists to work in secret place

### Fusion duo expect flak

DALLAS, April 12, (Agencies): The fathers of a controversial fusion in a flask experiment anticipated tough questioning from the scientific community today but were confident their findings would be borne out.

Stanley Pons of the University of Utah and Martin Fleischmann of the University of Southampton in England were scheduled to appear at the 197th national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

The society said a forum entitled "Nuclear fusion in a test tube" would provide an "overview and discussion of the recent announcement that a sustained nuclear fusion reaction has been achieved at room temperature, using simple apparatus."

Pons and Fleischmann announced on March 23 they had created nuclear fusion at low temperatures, surprising the scientific community and themselves.

They said their calculations on fusion indicated the energy available in one cubic foot of sea water is equivalent to the energy released in burning 10 tons of coal. Since then, researchers world-wide have been trying to duplicate their efforts.

Texas A and M University and the Georgia Institute of Technology announced on Monday confirmation of key parts of the experiment, but warned the energy release might be just a bizarre chemical reaction.

"This means that there will be an increased effort to determine what the source or nature of this new reaction is, Pons said on Monday. "The reaction is most likely nuclear. It can't be explained any other way, but the scientific community will have to now try to understand the process involved."

Pons and Fleischmann said hydrogen nuclei apparently fused in their experiment, giving off excess energy.

Fusion, the energy source of the sun, results from the joining of atomic nuclei. If fusion could be harnessed, researchers believe it could be a cheaper, safer alternative to the nuclear power plants that operate on fission, the splitting of atoms.

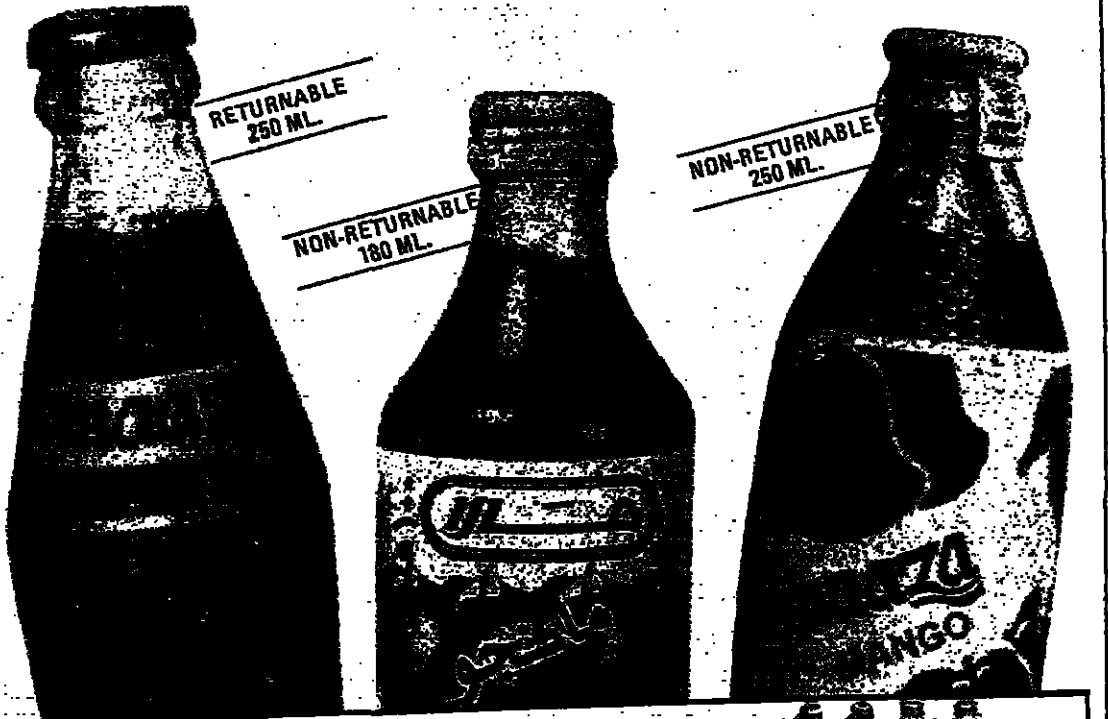
Fleischmann left UK yesterday to continue his work at a secret location.

Fleischmann said he would contact the Texas A and M scientists to see what they had achieved.

Many scientists have implied that the Fleischmann-Pons experiment was flawed. But others at Utah's Brigham Young University and in Hungary have also claimed success in achieving fusion by similar methods.

Both the Fleischmann-Pons and Texas results were produced at room temperature. Most fusion research has been based on the assumption the reaction could only occur at temperatures as high as 100 million degrees Centigrade (180 million Fahrenheit).

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# Rising seas may inundate London

LONDON, April 12, (UPI): Many of Britain's cities, including London, may disappear beneath the sea in the next 50 years unless action is taken to combat global warming, an environmental report said yesterday.

The study for Ark by the University of Durham, 240 miles (386 km) north of London, said low-lying land may be inundated by seas rising at least five metres (16 feet).

"There is a clear relationship between the carbon dioxide content of the atmosphere and sea levels," the report said.

"Now in 1989 due to widespread burning of fossil fuels, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere have already risen... and is expected to double by 2030," the report said.

Carbon dioxide and other gases weaken the ozone layer of the earth's atmosphere and create a global warming effect that melts Polar ice caps and leads to a rise in sea levels.

"There's been an awful lot of research the government is doing into the problem of global warming and our scientists tell us it will be at least 10 to 15 years before we have developed the computer models to give us any idea of an actual figure for this," said Alex Prall, a spokeswoman for the government's Department of the Environment.

But the Ark report said: "Little faith can be placed in predictions based on those models. What is of far greater value is the evidence of previous ice ages, when the seas shrank and the ice built up, and of the subsequent warming periods when sea levels rose."

The report said the low-lying area that could be submerged in the next 50 years included central London, but the allegation was dismissed by government.

Currently, London is protected from flooding by the five-

year-old, £500 million (\$850 million) Thames barrier at Woolwich in the east of the city, which was constructed to combat surging tides, said spokeswoman for Thames Water Authority Brigitte Daniels.

"The melting Polar ice caps were one of the reasons why it was constructed. The increase in water level at London Bridge has been 60 centimetres (23 inches) over the last century," Daniels said.

## Just an excuse

### North wrote 'a pack of lies'

WASHINGTON, April 12, (Reuters): A prosecutor says Oliver North wrote "a pack of lies" in answering congressional queries about his aid to the Nicaraguan rebels and justified his deeds with the war criminal's excuse he was only following orders.

Chief government prosecutor John Keker sparred with North yesterday in the second day of a hostile cross-examination, likening North's defence for his actions on the Reagan administration National Security Council (NSC) to the defence of German officers on trial for Nazi war crimes.

"Were you told about the cases after World War Two where a number of German officers were prosecuted and they said, 'I committed all kinds of crimes, but I was ordered to do it'?" Keker asked North. "And that didn't work."

"My training at the Naval Academy included (the definition of) what was an unlawful order," North replied angrily.

"Were you told it was wrong to follow an illegal order?" Keker asked.

North, a career Marine, has admitted lying to Congress and shredding documents — two of the 12 criminal charges against him in the so-called Iran-Contra trial — but has maintained he had approval for his covert actions from the highest officials in US government, including then President Reagan.

But under close questioning, North said he never had specific approval from Reagan or his NSC boss Robert McFarlane to lie to Congress in responding to official queries about his involvement in an operation to get military aid to the Contras despite a congressional ban.

"Did it cross your mind that for self-preservation purposes, you might want to tell someone (at the NSC) about what you were doing?" Keker asked, referring to North's false and misleading answers to the congressional inquiries in late 1985.

A government document released at Iran-Contra trial appears to strengthen earlier suggestions that George Bush knew Honduras was getting secretly rewarded for helping the Nicaraguan Contra rebels when he went to Honduras in 1985 as vice-president.

The National Security Council document, a Feb. 20, 1985, draft memo to the State Department entered as evidence in North's defence, contained a notation by John Poindexter, who was then deputy national security adviser, in which he said "we want VP to discuss this matter" with Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova.

Bush met with the Honduran president in March 1985.

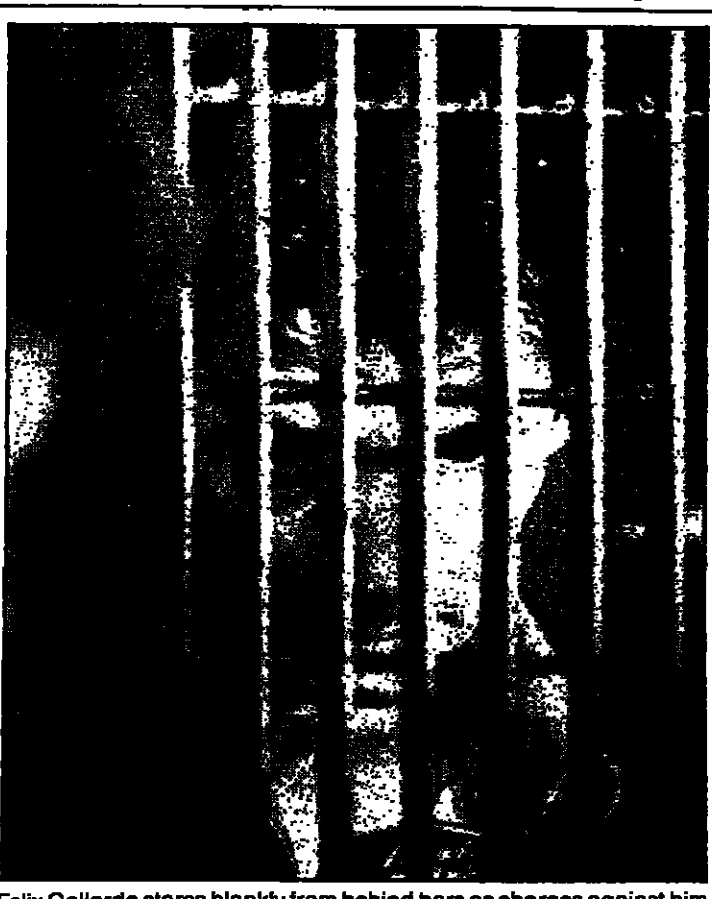
## Connection denied

### Mexico's drug boss charged

MEXICO CITY, April 12, (AP): Suspected drug boss Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, said to be Mexico's biggest drug trafficker, was charged yesterday with possession, trafficking and transportation of illegal drugs.

"I don't know why they connect me with the cocaine business," he said after being read the charges in the 10th district penal court. "I have never had that type of dealings."

Felix Gallardo denied statements from another reputed drug trafficker that he used several airplanes to transport drugs from South America to various parts of Mexico and sometimes across the border to the United States.



Felix Gallardo stares blankly from behind bars as charges against him are read. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 12 slaughtered by satanic cult

### Drug barons seek devil's help

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, April 12, (AP): Authorities who found 12 male bodies in graves at a ranch in Mexico say the victims were sacrificed by a satanic cult of drug smugglers.

"It was horrible," Cameron county Sheriff Alex Perez told a news conference in this border city yesterday. "It was like a human slaughterhouse."

Mexican federal judicial police arrested four people, said Sheriff's Lieut. George Gavito. Gavito said the suspects were US and Mexican citizens.

Gavito said the dead found by the federal police included 21-year-old University of Texas student Mark Kilroy, who vanished during his spring break last month while in the Mexican city of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville.

Kilroy apparently was chosen at random by drug smugglers who hoped human sacrifices would protect them from harm, Gavito said. He was taken after the cult members "were told to pick one Anglo male that particular night," the lieutenant said.

The cult had been involved in human sacrifices for about nine months, he said, and prayed to the devil "so the police would not arrest them, so bullets would not kill them and so they could make more money."

Authorities found candles and kettles full of body parts and animal bones, said Oran Neck, chief US customs agent in Brownsville.

A small colour snapshot displayed at the news conference showed a caldron containing a dark, red liquid and what appeared to be bones. Another picture showed 12 body bags. Authorities would not identify the other victims, but said all were males.

One grave held three bodies and another contained two, said Neck. Some victims were shot in the head, while others appeared to have been slain with machetes or sledgehammers, the agent said.

The bodies were found yesterday morning in a field about 20 miles (30 kilometres) west of Matamoros, Gavito said.

"I've been an investigator 15 years and it's one of the worst things I've ever seen," he said.

Kilroy's brain was missing, said Brownsville Herald photographer Anthony Padilla, who said he saw the body at a Matamoros funeral home. "There was nothing inside the skull," Padilla said.

In some forms of witchcraft, removal of the brain signifies a sacrifice of the victim's soul.

Padilla said Kilroy's legs were cut off at mid-calf and his spine was severed and twisted.

The case is being investigated by US customs, the US attorney-general's office, Mexican federal authorities and local police departments on both sides of the border.

## Rights violated

### SAPO out of control

STOCKHOLM, April 12, (Reuters): An official report released yesterday charged that Sweden's secret police routinely violated citizens' civil rights and acted outside the bounds of democratic controls.

"The secret police (SAPO) have used bugging not only against terrorists but also in other types of operations that had nothing to do with murder or violence," said the report by Sweden's Ambassador to France Carl Lidbom.

"It is improbable that these cases could have been justified under Swedish emergency rules... which allow bugging in emergency situations," he said.

The report was commissioned by the government last year after SAPO operatives admitted taking part in a covert inquiry into the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Premier's audience

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received in his Diwan at Bayan Palace Finance Minister Jassem Al Khafri, Minister of State for Services Issa Al Mazidi and advisor at the Amir's Office Abdul Aziz Hussein.

His Highness also received Assistant Defence Undersecretary for Military Installations Sheikh Sabah Al Nasser.

## Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad yesterday received the Governor of the Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah and Director General of Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdulla Al Ahmed.

## Anti-locust training

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): The Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries has wound up a training programme for combating desert locusts, according to the head of the National Committee for Combating Desert Locusts.

Jassem Mohammed Al Badr indicated that the programme comprised four training courses designed to create national cadres for combating the pests.

Badr pointed out that last Thursday saw the conclusion of the fourth training course, which got under way on the first of April.

A total of 59 agricultural engineers, who work in Wafra and Abdali farms, trained in the context of the programme, on ways of combating locust swarms.

## Spanish envoy

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Director of the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister's Office Abdulla Saud Al Abdul Razzak yesterday met with the Spanish Ambassador to Kuwait and head of the Spanish-speaking Latin American group of nations Juan Jose Arbol.

The envoy assured during the meeting with Abdul Razzak the support, backing and assistance of these countries to efforts exerted by the Arab League committee of six on Lebanon, chaired by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad.

In addition to Spain, the Spanish-speaking Latin American group of nations also comprises Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia.

## Defence visit

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Defence Undersecretary for Military Installations Engineer Sabah Al Nasser has paid inspection visits to most Army's camps to make sure all essential services are provided before and during the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

He said in a press statement that his field-visits to military units came out of keenness of the defence minister to see various means of comfort being guaranteed to Army personnel.

## French envoy

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Assistant Director at the office of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Faisal Al Mishaan conferred here yesterday with the French Ambassador, Jean Bell-gvier.

During the meeting, the French diplomat handed a copy of the statement issued by the French government on the latest developments in Lebanon.

Copies of the French statement have been distributed to the Arab states and the permanent members of the UN Security Council.

## US envoy

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber yesterday received the US Ambassador to Kuwait Wilson Nathaniel Howell.

## Oil meeting

KUWAIT, April 12, (KUNA): The Gulf Co-operation Council's permanent ministerial committee for petroleum co-operation will hold its 14th meeting in Jeddah on April 26.

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## New airport buildings for passenger service

Study on duty-free zone shortly

NEW buildings to be constructed within the next five years at Kuwait's international airport are expected to cater to passenger service for the next thirty years.

He added that the directorate is striv-

ing to modernise and develop the current airport to keep abreast with international developments in this field. Expansions will take into account necessary services and facilities to be provided to the international airport.

Security  
Replying to a question on security aspects at the airport, the official said that state-of-the-art equipment had been installed, the training of various sections of personnel enhanced, co-operative efforts on the national and international

level increased and various other security aspects streamlined.

Sager said that the directorate is currently studying the organising of taxi services in co-operation with Kuwait's Ministry of the Interior. Specially trained employees will be delegated to co-ordinate activities which are expected to alleviate the problems of travellers.

Duty-free  
The official called on passengers to inform the airport administration about any mistakes that may be committed by

taxi drivers — particularly those related to taxi tariffs.

On the possibility of developing the control tower at the airport, he said that the current control tower is one of the most modern in the world, and had been modernised just before holding of the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference in Kuwait in January 1987.

Speaking of the duty free shopping zone to be established at the airport, the official said that the issue is still under study and that the relevant economic

feasibility study is expected to be prepared shortly. Additionally, the directorate will reorganise all current shops to provide better facilities to travellers.

To cater to the expected summer exodus, the directorate has undertaken several meetings with relevant officials to co-ordinate flights, and has incorporated extra flight schedules during this period.

The official expected the number of passengers this summer to increase by two per cent.



## Fund raising for children

Visiting manager of Kanfani Cultural organisation yesterday said the organisation has been facing difficulties preventing it from continuing its humanitarian role in sheltering and caring for orphans.

Ani Kanfani, manager of the Lebanon-based foundation, said that the civil war in Lebanon and the Israeli raids had affected the organisation's programmes and activities and led to spending much of its budget in re-constructing its destroyed kindergartens and other facilities.

She added that her visit to Kuwait aims at raising funds to prop the Kanfani organisation to enable it to continue assisting those deprived Lebanese and Palestinian children in refugee camps and help establish two rehabilitation clinics for mentally ill and disabled children.

Ani, a Danish national who is a widow of the well-known Palestinian writer Khassan Kanfani who was martyred in the early seventies in Beirut, indicated that the organisation runs eight kindergartens in various areas of Lebanon besides several ones for the handicapped, grouping around one thousand needy and deprived children.

## Health charges a reality, says expert

Training programmes for Kuwaitis proposed

PAYING nominal fees for health services in Kuwait has now become pragmatic in keeping with this system which has been in force for decades in all countries of the world, according to a ministry official.

Dr Ramis Jumah, the planning and follow up expert and director of the Health Survey Project at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health said that instituting these charges is not heresy, but an accepted reality that all citizens and expatriates should contribute to the state's share of financing medical services, which will ensure rationalising medical expenditure.

Speaking of the difficulties encountered in implementing the ministry's health plans, Jumah said that the ministry is to bridge the gap in the need of more qualified nursing staff, put into operation clinics and polyclinics already completed and handed over to the ministry and to

encourage Kuwaitis to join health specialisations.

He went on to state that the ministry should expand training courses and continued education programmes and provide adequate incentives to Kuwaitis to join this profession. This will require both political and administrative organisation.

## Programmes

On the distribution of health centres in the country, the official said that the ministry had provided a clinic or polyclinic to cater to 29,400 people with seven to 14 physicians accredited to each clinic. According to statistics published in 1987, a total of 185,000 patients visited these clinics.

He called for adopting awareness and culture programmes to enlighten the public on the role of preliminary health care.

The concentrated efforts of health officials in Kuwait have

contributed to the mortality rate dropping from 2.7 per thousand people in 1985 to 2.3 per thousand in 1988. Mortality rate among infants dropped from 18.4 in 1985 to 16.3 per thousand in 1988.

He added that in Kuwaiti hospitals the occupancy rate registered 71 per cent in 1987 in different hospitals and was 85.2 per cent at Al Jahra Hospital and 61 per cent at Al Sabah and Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospitals. A bed in normal wards cost KD50 while beds in the intensive care units cost about KD195 each.

## Provisions

Jumah said that upgrading of medical services is an ideal method for reducing the number of occupancies at out-patients clinics, laboratories and X-ray units.

Meanwhile, Ibrahim Al Mud-

haf, assistant undersecretary for medicine and medical supplies affairs at the ministry speaking to a local daily said that all hospitals, health centres and specialised clinics have been provided with their entire needs of medicines.

The official added that provisions were made to cover shortage in medicines. He also said that imposing token health charges would prevent people from throwing away dispensed medicines simply because it was free of charge.

He confirmed the need for reviewing the manner of medicine dispensing and added that the ministry was capable of setting up precise arrangements to avoid waste.

Commenting on imposing nominal fees for medical services, Mudhaf while agreeing to the scheme, said that the issue should be carefully studied to achieve optimum results.

## All shops to display prices

Consumers can report violators

By Nashaat Al Agha

A MINISTRY of Commerce and Industry decision calls on all commercial shops and establishments to clearly display prices of all items sold, according to a senior official.

Abdulla Al Mulla, the director of supply and consumer protection department at the ministry clarified that this decision applies to only those commodities whose prices have been predetermined by the ministry.

## Increases

Mulla said that Kuwait is following the free economic system and the decision is designed to facilitate consumers to compare prices at different establishments.

An increase in prices of commodities at the local market is wrongly referred to the increase

of demand on some items by consumers. In reality, the reason is that some people buy big quantities of goods and stock them in their houses. A surge of buying encourages shop owners to increase their prices, Mulla said.

## Commodities

He added that consumers can play a big role in preventing the increase of prices in the following manner: awareness in using commodities, way of purchase, periods of purchasing, refusing to purchase items if their prices are increased and comparing prices in various shops prior to purchase and substituting items for those that are expensive.

The official said that the Ministry of Commerce offers basic and other commodities to consumers all the time at reduced prices. These commodities are the following:

● Subsidised items distributed by ration cards like rice, sugar, milk powder, and fat.

● Items subsidised by the state and sold at the local market like bread, children's food and milk, fodder, construction materials for citizens' who get loans to build houses, flour sold to bakeries and fresh milk.

● Commodities that are priced by the ministry and subsidised by the state like fresh meat slaughtered locally, or imported fresh meat, sandwiches, grilled meats, mineral water and drinking water.

Consumers can submit complaints against shops that violate regulations or prices of food-stuffs and other items to the consumer protection centres of the ministry located at different co-operative societies.

## Municipality denies responsibility for food poisoning

A SENIOR official at Kuwait Municipality has denied any responsibility on the municipality's part for the recent unfortunate poisoning incident at the Police Academy canteen.

The source told a local newspaper that the municipality was not responsible for supervising canteens or restaurants of special nature, and that the municipality's responsibilities in that

respect were confined to public restaurants, food storages, and catering companies.

## Report

He said that the municipality was waiting to receive a report on the incident detailing the outcome of ongoing analytical study to determine the cause of poisoning, which would be revealed by the relevant department at the Ministry of Public Health.

He stressed the functions of the Food and Shop-Licensing Department, included the inspection of all workers at the food selling and storing agencies, confiscation of outdated and damaged food commodities, checking the validity of licences under which such services were being run and official disposal of food items failing to meet standard specifications.

## Phony products spreading in GCC states

LUST for quick material gain is behind the growing phenomenon of phony products using world-famous trademarks, according to a recent survey by the Saudi Council of Chambers of Commerce.

The survey said the spread of such articles in the GCC countries is encouraged by the lack of official control, laxity of existing commercial laws, and poor quality control standards.

Buyers also contribute to the spread of counterfeit items, the survey said, by shopping unwisely and seeking out only the cheapest goods. Such items are available at cut-rate prices and imported at a reduced cost, which promises quick profits and high market rates, neither of which benefit the consumer.

It has been suggested that the media could play a constructive role by raising public awareness against the impulsive buying of counterfeit articles.

The survey also held the Price Control Board responsible for the market-ability of phony articles, and said there should be special symposiums held on the subject by Chambers of Commerce throughout the country.

The survey called on the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce to fight this phenomenon by recommending effective solutions to eradicate the problem and put an end to the unscrupulous practices of many international companies and their local agents in marketing low-priced goods.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

## BBK to enhance ATMs network

THE Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) is making a major investment in a new BASE24 software package from Applied Communications, Inc. (ACI) to enhance its existing automatic teller machine (ATM) network.

According to Abdulla Al Gosaib, BBK data processing manager, the aim of this major step is not only to provide the banks customers with the most advanced ATM software, but to introduce a completely new range of customer services with the installation of a comprehensive system.

"Electronic banking is developing so rapidly that only banks with the appropriate software and support will be able to pass on these new services to their customers" said Robert Ainey, ACI's regional manager in Bahrain in a statement issued to the Arab Times.

ACI already provides advanced electronic banking software to leading financial institutions throughout the world, including Bank of America in the USA, Barclays and Midland in the UK, ABN in Europe and Westpac in Australia.

ACI is a \$22 billion American telecommunications company.

## Manama Rotarians win district prize

MANAMA Rotary Club won the first prize recently at the Rotary International's district conference in Amman in the vacation service project. The club also took a certificate of merit in the bulletin category.

According to Hussein Tadayon, president of MRC, the organisation distinguished itself by taking these honours with a project involving counselling services for about 8000 intermediate school students in three phases.

The first phase covered a career guidance programme in collaboration with Management Planning and Research Consultants.

Another local Rotary Club, the Sulmaniya Rotary Club, was also honoured with the third prize for its child care centre in the vocational service project and took second place for community services.

Meanwhile, a Rotary International Convention will be held in Seoul, South Korea from May 19-25.

## Building materials subsidised by state

CONSTRUCTION materials bought by citizens to build or maintain houses are subsidised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Undersecretary Abdullah Al Hamad has said, adding that the ministry also directs citizens receiving loans to the appropriate supply firms.

For example, he said that the 2,489 citizens who received real estate loans last year were directed to the Kuwait Cement Company, which provides each citizen with up to 2,000 sacks of cement at 600 fils per sack. The subsidy given last year by the ministry reached KD461,704, representing over 2.5 million sacks of cement.

## Rights

Iron materials, meanwhile, are supplied through the Kuwait Supply Company, Hamad said. Each citizen has a right to up to 15 tons of iron at KD58 per ton. Last year 2,465 Kuwaitis benefited from the ministry's KD2 million subsidy of this material.

Bricks are provided by the National Industries Company, at KD4 per thousand bricks. The subsidy last year was KD39,823, providing 1,480 citizens with a total of nearly 10 million bricks.

Hamad said the ministry tries to offer construction materials for citizens at reduced prices. He blamed the rise in prices of construction materials in the local market to the countries of origin and to the large demand for such materials.

## German shepherds to sniff out drugs

By Nashaat Al Agha  
KUWAIT'S public customs department is planning to utilise the services of German shepherd dogs in foiling attempts to smuggle narcotics and other prohibited materials, according to a reliable source.

The plan is being finalised in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior and when approved, these dogs will be employed at all land border centres, airports and ports.

To familiarise themselves with the operations of these dogs, a Kuwaiti delegation has recently visited several European and Arab countries that have considerable experience in this field, the source added.

## French firm for water project

THE French consulting firm "Sogreah" selected for undertaking the study of the water supply project from Iraq to Kuwait is to be invited to Kuwait by the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

The intended visit is to provide experts of the firm and representatives of the ministry to conduct personal discussions on various aspects of the project in light of new development, a local daily reported.

The daily added that the discussions will also address pertinent priorities in drawing up a timeframe of the implementation programme. The consulting firm is expected to submit its final report on the project to the ministry within the next five months.

Representatives of Kuwait's technical committees will also hold meetings with their Iraqi counterparts who are to visit the country after Eid Al Fitr holidays.

## Embassy closed

EMBASSY of India in Kuwait will remain closed today, the 13th April 1989 on the occasion of "Baisakhi."

## Ferrying across in comfort

Comprehensive summer programme

THE Public Transportation Company sea fleet is capable of fulfilling company objectives until the early 90's, according to the assistant managing director for technical and marine affairs, Bader Abdul Wahab Al Najjar.

In an interview with a local daily, he said the fleet includes twelve ferries and that there is no need to increase the fleet over the next two years even though some ferries may be put out of operation because they are old.

New boats  
Najar said that the company will put four ferries out of operation in 1992, when new boats will take their place. He expressed the company's keenness in keeping up with the marine engineering field and to provide ferries which include comfort, security and safety to passengers.

"In addition to the fact that the company transports passengers between Kuwait and Failaka, it also has a comprehensive programme of tours for summer 1989", Najar said. The company will organise two "QerQian" parties aboard the ferry Miskan, and will also operate tours around the Kuwaiti coastline both morning and evening from 6am to 2am every day.

He added that the company organised 19 private trips last month. These tours were introduced by the company to banks, private companies and government establishments staff interested in having parties on one of the ferries, or just going on tours of Kuwait's coast.

Najar stated that since islands in Kuwait lack touristic characteristics, more emphasis should be

put upon the development of touristic programmes on these islands in order to attract more local tourists and expatriates. He expressed the company's readiness to operate trips to all Kuwaiti islands, but he added that the problem is that most of these islands lack ports.

He added that officials should look over these islands in order to create other retreats apart from Failaka.

The company will see the operating of touristic ferries to chalets being established by the Touristic Enterprises Corporation in the Subiya area.

He expressed that the company is willing to operate touristic ferries and ships to Bahrain and Basra as well, but he stated that the idea would require some time before implementation. Other future plans include operating journeys aboard air-conditioned ferries to Khiran park.

## Obstacles

Regarding obstacles faced by the company, Najar said that the main part of the company's services concentrates on transporting residents of Failaka, contractors working there or government employees from and to Kuwait.

The company has made great steps in adopting modern and advanced facilities due to the fact that Kuwait sea areas are very shallow and are swept by northern and southern winds throughout the year. The company requires more sophisticated ferries to overcome these natural marine conditions, Najar said. The company was able to obtain two such ferries considered to be the most advanced in the world, which entered into service last October.

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## MIDEAST BRIEFS



## Commemoration

Mrs Suzanne Mubarak, wife of the Egyptian President, speaks to participants of the commemoration of 'The Book' literacy programme. The commemoration was held at the Library of Congress in Washington.

## ACC PMs meet

BAGHDAD, April 12, (Reuters): The prime ministers of the four Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) had talks yesterday on co-ordinating security and intelligence activities, the Iraqi News Agency INA said.

INA gave no further details of the proposed pact between Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and North Yemen, but said the prime ministers also discussed non-aggression and non-interference accords.

## Bonn pledge

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 12, (AP): West Germany's Defence Minister Rupert Scholz yesterday told Israel that the Bonn government would "do its utmost" to halt reported illegal export of missile technology to Arab countries, Israeli Foreign Ministry officials said.

Scholz, currently on a three-day visit to Israel, told foreign Minister Moshe Arens that steps were being taken to halt the involvement of West German companies in the development of missiles in Arab countries, the official said.

## Vote of confidence

ANKARA, April 12, (UPI): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal received a standing ovation in the National Assembly yesterday after his ruling Motherland Party won a vote of confidence with an overwhelming 289 votes in favour and only 97 against.

Ozal, 62, asked Parliament for the vote of confidence after reshuffling his cabinet in the wake of a humiliating defeat in the Motherland Party suffered in municipal elections last month, pulling in some 22 per cent of the popular vote and ending third in the race.

## Dam in danger

SANAA, April 12, (Reuters): Three days of heavy rain have caused cracks in a North Yemen dam which could burst if more rain falls, the official Saba News agency said yesterday.

Saba did not say if towns or crops would be in danger if the newly-built Al-Dhaif dam in Al Baida region, 250 km (150 miles) southeast of Sanaa, gave way. Further rain was not expected immediately.

## Heavy rains

RIYADH, April 12, (KUNA): Heavy rains lashed the kingdom's western and southern regions last night and Holy Makkah received 75 mm of rainfall — the heaviest in 15 years, it was reported yesterday.

The Jeddah-based Saudi Gazette quoted Ahmed Afan, director of the weather forecast bureau in the Saudi port city as saying that Taif, Jizan and Abha experienced thunderstorms, which is not normal for this time of the year.

## Aid for flood-hit

NICOSIA, April 12, (AP): Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini has given 1.1 billion riyals (\$16 million) in aid for the flood-stricken Sistan-Baluchistan province, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

IRNA said the floods wiped out 100 villages and damaged around 20,000 hectares (49,000 acres) of farmland. No deaths were reported. Khomeini's aid will help provide housing for about 25,000 people.

## Record price

LONDON, April 12, (AP): A miniature Holy Quran by an unknown, 10th century scribe was sold for a world record £176,000 (\$297,000) yesterday to a European collector, auctioneers Christie's said.

"Finely written small Qurans are much prized and very saleable," said Caroline Blyth, the firm's head of Islamic manuscripts.

"This one was very old and had the status of coming from the estate of Crown Prince Muhammad Hasan Qajar," she said.

## Kabul 'beats back' rebels

Pakistan agrees to permit more UN checkpoints

KABUL, April 12, (Agencies): The government has claimed it turned back guerrilla attempts to advance on the besieged city of Jalalabad, but Western diplomats in Pakistan said the government soldiers were still encircled.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amami said that government troops yesterday counter-attacked 14,000 US-backed guerrillas around Jalalabad, after the insurgents bombed the eastern outpost with 18,000 shells and rockets on Sunday and Monday, he said.

Troopers killed 318 guerrillas by sundown yesterday for the loss of only three government soldiers and five civilians, said Amami. An earlier government statement said soldiers killed 112 guerrillas in Monday's battle, when the guerrillas killed three soldiers and 11 civilians.

It was not possible to confirm the figures.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, Pakistan agreed yesterday to permit more UN checkpoints of military observers along the Afghan-Pakistan border, where Kabul says illegal aid from Pakistan is flowing to the Afghan rebels.

Pakistani envoy Iqbal Akhund told the Security Council in emergency session that Pakistan has agreed to provide a permanent presence along the often impassable border to the UN military assistance group for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

This increased presence of UN military observers, now numbering only 50 and split between Kabul and Islamabad, repeatedly was requested by Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, which allege Pakistan is violating UN-mediated agreements on non-interference.

Pakistan denies the charges, but its agreement on the additional checkpoints is considered a minor concession. Diplomats said they doubted it would alter the Afghan civil war.

Amami maintained that military convoys still are carrying food and arms the 120 kilometres (75 miles) from Kabul to Jalalabad. He said the convoys are not seen leaving the capital because they travel at night.

But combined sources in Islamabad and Kabul have reported the insurgents control major portions of the road connecting Jalalabad to Kabul.

"The regime's Army is trying desperately to open the Kabul-Jalalabad highway," the guerrillas' Afghan news agency said.

Guerrillas on Monday attacked an armoured convoy trying to force its way into Jalalabad, destroying four tanks and another vehicle, the agency said.

Western diplomats in Islamabad said Afghan government forces hold the city and its airport, but guerrilla rockets and artillery make it too dangerous for fixed-wing aircraft.

"The only means of resupply remaining to regime forces is by helicopter, although such flights are increasingly being interdicted by the resistance, even though most of them take place at night," said one diplomat who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Indeed, most of the flights are kept busy bringing in medical supplies and evacuating casualties," the diplomat said.

Pakistan, the United States, China and several Muslim countries are the main backers of the guerrillas, who began fighting after a communist coup in 1978.

Malaysia today became the fourth country to recognise an interim Afghan government set up by Pakistan-based rebels.

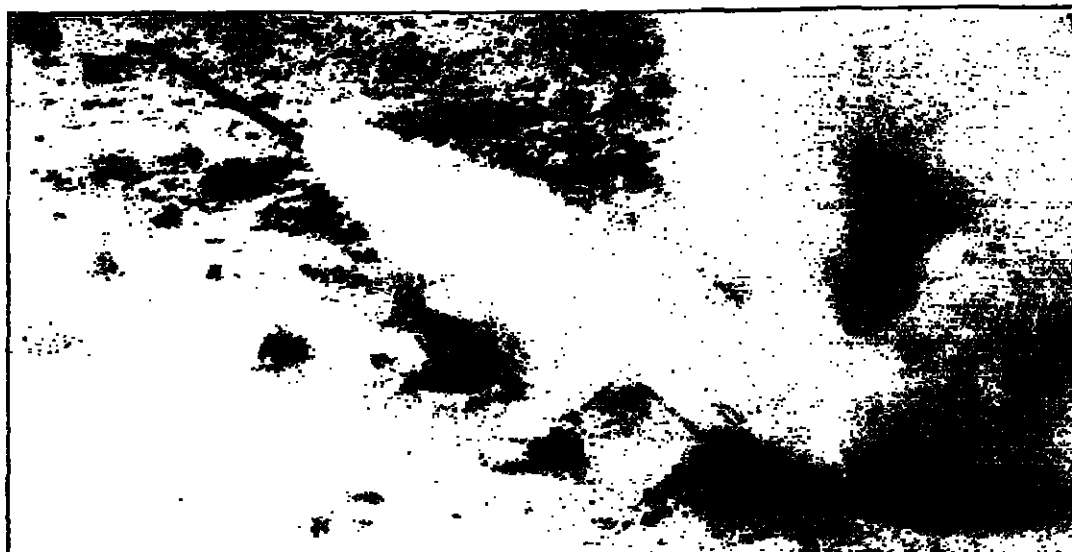
## Hekmatyar in Singapore

## Interim government

SINGAPORE, April 12, (Reuters): Afghan guerrillas will set up their interim government this week in two provinces they have captured from the Soviet-backed authorities in Kabul, rebel leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said today.

Hekmatyar, foreign minister of the interim government, told a news conference all 28 ministries would be based in Kunar and Paktia provinces, with some at Kunar's capital of Asadabad and others at a place still to be decided in Paktika.

"In the next two to three days the cabinet of the interim government will move to liberated areas in Afghanistan. The seat of the interim government will be set up in Kunar and Paktika," he said.



An EM-1 missile being fired by Afghan rebels at government troops defending the airport of the besieged eastern city of Jalalabad. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Damascus enhancing capability

## Syria to get Soviet SU-24s

BEIRUT, April 12, (UPI): The Soviet Union has decided to supply Syria with at least 10 sophisticated all-weather Sukhoi SU-24 strike aircraft as part of a deal aimed at enhancing Moscow's military posture in the region, an Arabic-language magazine reported yesterday.

Al Oubou Al Arabi, a magazine published in Paris that is widely distributed in the Mid-

dle East, said the new addition to Syria's Soviet-supplied Air Force will increase the Arab country's ability to strike targets inside Israel.

Independent confirmation of the report, which coincided with similar remarks attributed to Israeli Deputy Chief of General Staff Ehud Barak, was not immediately available.

The London-based magazine

Mideast Mirror, in its April 3 edition, said Barak told journalists April 2 that "Syria is continuing to build up its military might and remains the most realistic enemy in a conventional war."

"The MiG-29 (Fulcrum) it has received could become operational this year, and it may soon add Sukhoi-24 (strategic bombers) to its arsenal," Barak was quoted as saying.

## Iran-Iraq direct talks to resume on April 20

UNITED NATIONS, April 12,

(AP): Direct peace talks between Iran and Iraq's foreign ministers aimed at breaking their deadlocked negotiations will resume April 20 in Geneva.

Diplomats said yesterday Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will personally mediate the talks between Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Iraqi counterpart, Tariq Aziz, said the diplomats.

The UN chief was expected to publicly announce the resumption of the talks today, said the diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity.

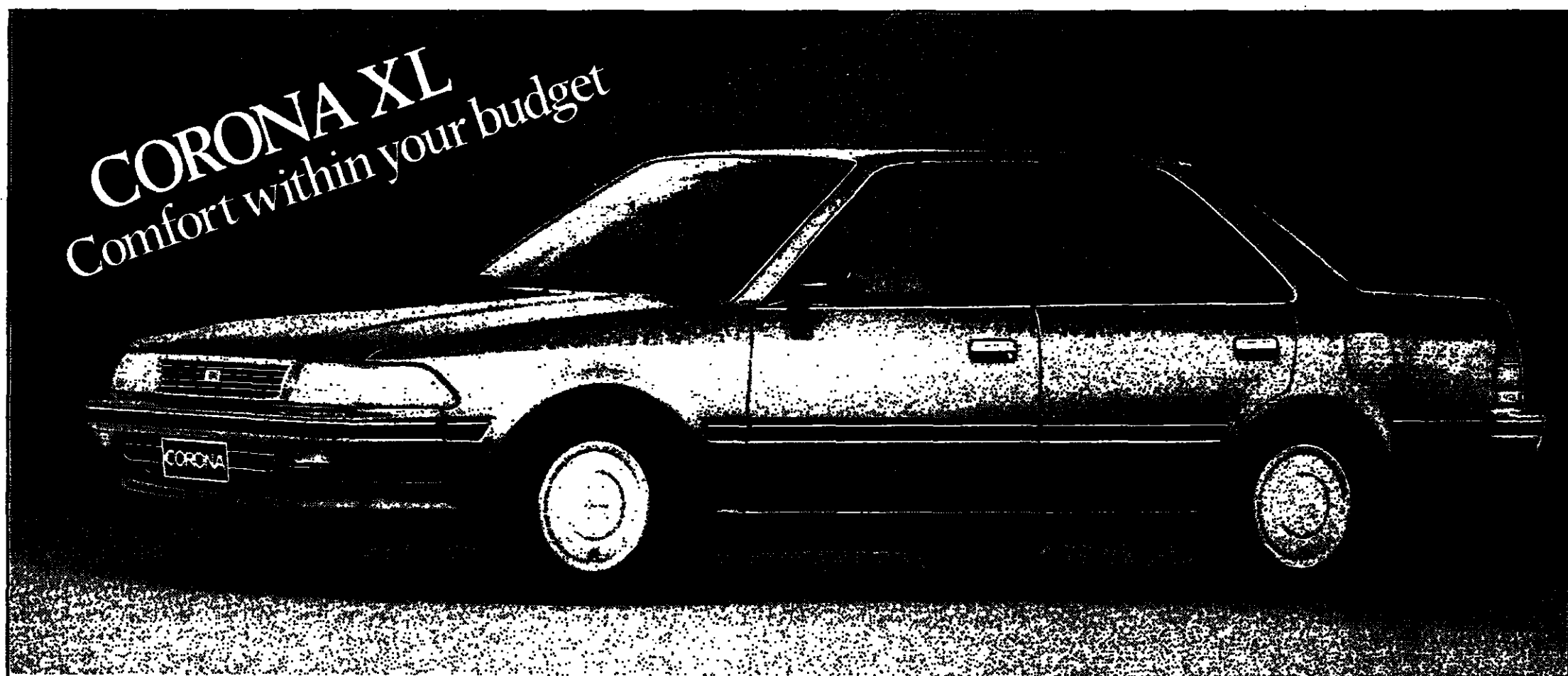
Separate rounds of preparatory talks over the last month by Iranian and Iraqi officials who visited New York laid the groundwork for the resumed talks.

Velayati and Aziz had agreed to hold a new round of direct talks in the near future at an undisclosed site near UN headquarters.

Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Mussavi has praised the efforts of the Islamic Republic Guards Corps in designing and building the first locally manufactured helicopter, Tehran Radio reported.

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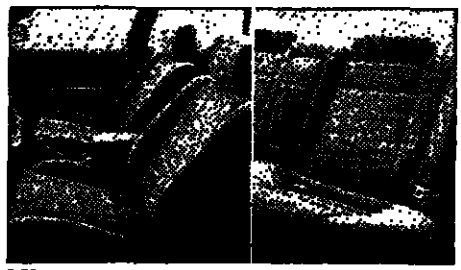
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## EDITORIALS

# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

It is not enough to help the feeble up, but to support him  
— William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616).

## Haiti coup mystery

Many questions remain

By Paul Iredale

PORT-AU-PRINCE, (Reuters): Haitian leader General Prosper Avril appears to have crushed a serious military revolt, but in a culture of fear and chaos many unanswered questions remain.

After a constant 19-hour barrage of artillery, machine-gun and small arms fire, during which citizens of Port-au-Prince covered in their homes, the Catholic church's radio Soleil reported 30 soldiers and four civilians killed in the fighting.

Avril's government said simply that "the soldiers of the Presidential Guard now occupy the (rebel) Dessalines barracks. Honour to their courage."

It added that the majority of the rebels had been captured, but gave no details of the assault or casualties. Later it became apparent that much of the artillery fire involved blank shells.

The takeover of the barracks at the last weekend appears to have defused a week of high tension in Haiti that began with an abortive coup attempt against Avril on April 2. When it failed it was followed by revolts at Dessalines and the Leopards anti-subversive unit on the eastern outskirts of Port-au-Prince.

"In Haiti, you should not believe anything you hear and only half of what you see," a US diplomat here is fond of saying.

In a society where voodoo culture and three decades of dictatorial rule by "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc" Duvalier have made fear, intrigue and sleight of hand potent political weapons, the spirit of the infamous Tontons Macoutes — literally, the bogymen — still holds sway, the diplomat's remark is significant.

Restricted to their hotels by a dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed by Avril when the mutiny began a week ago, Western journalists were slow to catch on, and many Haitians slower still, to the fact that much of the artillery fire involved the use of blank shells.

After the fighting had stopped, journalists saw several shell holes in and around the Dessalines barracks in central Port-au-Prince — but nothing like the damage that normally would have accompanied a barrage of the magnitude they had heard.

Why, then, did Avril submit his capital to a barrage that would have done justice to a heavy day of fighting in Beirut, but without the civilian casualties?

Was it to terrify the mutinous soldiers into submission? Or were the rebels firing the artillery, using scare tactics to intimidate the attacking Presidential Guard? Or was there some more sinister motive, aimed at terrifying the general population?

In Haiti, such questions normally remain unanswered. A senior Western diplomat, an admirer of Avril, said the President had taken a decision "that was very costly to him" to purge the military of corrupt elements.

Reiterating Avril's public explanation of events, the diplomat said the coup attempt followed the President's decision to sack four officers linked to drug trafficking.

"There is absolutely no doubt they (the coup plotters) were in contact with Duvalierists abroad," he added.

"The hard fact is that the Duvalier people wanted to retain control of the government... they were going to reintroduce a reign of terror."

"Now he (Avril) really will be able to start a cleanup that is badly needed in the Army."

Conspiracy Theorists, pointing to the fact that Avril served as security chief to Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier and has extensive links with the old regime, say he is tarred with the same corrupt brush and moved against other officers purely to consolidate his hold on power.

This view is echoed by some of the young soldiers in revolt, who are furious about the way he has favoured the Presidential Guard that brought him to power and maintain he is trying to impose a dictatorship in Haiti.

## Press review

## Playing with fire

KUWAIT, (KUNA): A local daily has deplored the French stance toward developments in Lebanon topped by its so-called concern for a certain sect in that Arab country.

Kuwait paper *Al Watan* charged that the French "civilised" behaviour covers up for colonialist dreams that are still hovering over the Middle East region.

It recalled that France, which colonised Lebanon for 30 years and planted seeds of sectarianism, had been watching idly during the past 14 years of civil war in that country.

The paper said that when that sect was involved in a war against Lebanon's unity and Arabism and started comparing Israeli occupation to Syrian presence, only then Paris conscience awoke to the need of sending ships loaded with "medicine, food, fuel and may be arms" only to Eastern Beirut.

## US doing nothing

KUWAIT, (KUNA): A local daily has accused the new US administration of President George Bush of doing nothing to advance the Mideast peace process.

Al Rai Al Aam said it was improbable for Bush, who served as vice-president in the past eight years, to wait for Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir's peace offers to draw his administration's policy of how to settle the chronic Mideast crisis.

The paper said that Washington, embarrassed by the PLO concessions, "hopes that everything would collapse, though slowly."

They wish that would come about through Shamir's proposals of self-rule to elected Palestinian municipalities that are interlinked with Israel politically, economically and militarily and are totally rejected by the Arabs and Palestinians.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1528 — Pope Clement VII establishes commission to determine validity of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon in England.

1534 — Sir Thomas More refuses to take oath to succession.

1589 — Britain's Sir Francis Drake and Sir John Norris undertake expedition of 150 ships and 18,000 men to Portugal.

1598 — France's King Henry VI signs Edict of Nantes, granting large measure of religious liberty to Protestant Huguenots.

1605 — Theodore II succeeds as Tsar of Russia on death of his father Boris Godunov.

1772 — Warren Hastings is appointed governor of Bengal in India.

1796 — French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte defeat Austrians at Millesimo in northern Italy.

1848 — Sicily is declared independent of Naples.

1868 — British forces under Robert Napier capture Magdala in Ethiopia.

1909 — Army counter-revolution in Constantinople against rule of Mohammedan Union.

1954 — Cheddi Jagan, former prime minister, is sentenced, and British Guiana becomes a "proclaimed area."

1961 — UN General Assembly condemns apartheid.

1975 — Fighting rages in South Vietnam's Mekong Delta as communists press drive to take city of Xuan Loc.

1976 — Munitions plant explosion in Finland leaves 45 dead and 7 injured.

1986 — Stampede by Hindu pilgrims kills at least 46 people and injures 39 others at religious festival at banks of Ganges River northeast of New Delhi, India.

1988 — Premier Ciriaco de Mita forms Italy's 48th postwar government.

## Revival of old colonial ties

# France has a soft spot for Lebanon's Maronites

By Diana Abdallah

BEIRUT, April 10, (Reuters): France has emerged as the only Western state playing an active role in Lebanon with the imprint of its 20-year mandate between the world wars still visible.

But French support for Lebanon's Christians as they try to drive out 25,000 Syrian troops has been strongly criticised by Syria and its Muslim allies as colonialist.

Lebanese were divided over France's efforts to end renewed civil war violence sparked off a month ago when Christian army commander Major-General Michel Aoun vowed to expel Syria.

Some welcomed it while others saw it as a revival of France's colonial role as traditional guardian of Lebanon's Christian minority since the 19th century.

"It is a revival of the old colonial history in protecting minorities," said an editorial in the leftist *As-Safir* daily.

France's Socialist government has issued a flurry of statements in a month of fierce artillery duels between Aoun's mainly Christian troops and Syrian gunners and their allies.

It seemed to favour a UN Security Council meeting on the Lebanese crisis and Syria's withdrawal.

Paris has sent a hospital vessel and an oil tanker on what it terms a humanitarian mission. Muslims say the ships have weapons and ammunition for Aoun's army.

French President Francois Mitterrand said his country would not accept that any minority in Lebanon should be sacrificed.

Syria's Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara said the French campaign stemmed from "illogical historical background."

France became directly involved in Lebanon in 1918 when it occupied coastal areas. Two years later it administered greater Lebanon and its mandate lasted until independence in 1943.

Its intervention in 1918, after the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in World War One, gave Maronite Christians more power over local Muslims.

The Muslims and Christians later joined to end the mandate.

French political, military and cultural influence remains strong in Lebanon. Most Christians speak French better than Arabic. Most schools teach French as a first language.

Lebanese admit they regard France as their second home and refer to it affectionately as their 'tender mother'.

The Lebanese, particularly the Maronites, have friends and influence in France and thousands went to live there when the civil war broke out in 1975.

France's new campaign to defend Lebanon's Christians came after it secured freedom from some eight French nationals taken hostage by pro-Iranian Muslim radicals.

The last of its hostages were released in May last year.

Iran radio quoted Iranian parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying French action rang alarm bells.

A Beirut newspaper said that the French embassy warned its citizens against going to Muslim West Beirut and urged those living there to take security precautions.

During Lebanon's 14 years of civil war France maintained an even-handed policy in Lebanon and tried to avoid favouring one faction over another.

It has contributed troops to multinational forces deployed in the country after Israel's 1982 invasion and to UN peacekeepers in south Lebanon.

It also sent military observers to Beirut's battlefield.

But pro-Iranian militants, leftist and nationalist factions have challenged France's role and presence in Lebanon.

The worst attack was in 1983 when a pro-Iranian suicide car bomber hit a military headquarters in Beirut killing 58 French paratroopers of the multinational force.

In south Lebanon, 27 French peacekeeping soldiers have been killed since a United Nations force was set up in 1978.

France currently has 500 soldiers with the United Nations peacekeepers in south Lebanon and 100 gendarmes (para-military police) protecting its embassy in Christian east Beirut.

In October 1986 France withdrew a 45-man observer unit from Beirut after seven military officers were killed in two years of duty on frontlines between warring militias.

More than 10 French nationals, including intelligence agents and gendarmes, were killed in separate attacks since 1984.

The French capital has not been immune from the violence. Paris was hit by a series of bombings in 1978 as Lebanese protested at the jailing of a Maronite.



A young man wipes his tears as he and his sister sit among the ruins of their home in East Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Ex-King Zahir Shah's Daimler revives memories of the past

Problem is finding a key to his return

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL, Afghanistan, (AP): The limousine of the last Afghan king waits in the dust in a padlocked shed near the old royal palace. The black Daimler's tyres are flat, but the silver royal crest on the door is unharmed.

The car is an apt analogy for Zahir Shah, the 74-year-old exiled monarch whose return is discussed by Afghans across the political spectrum as a way of ending the decade-old civil war between an authoritarian government and Muslim fundamentalists.

Sixteen years after he was deposed, the ex-king remains a symbol of better days — of a time when Afghans were not slaughtering each other in horrific numbers.

The problem is finding the key to his return. "The car is ready for him. It would be good if he came back," said a man who knew the whereabouts of Zahir Shah's Daimler but did not want to be identified.

## Fearful

Others are less fearful of speaking out. "I have said openly that if King Zahir Shah wants to work for his country, he can have a positive role in bringing peace," said Wadid Safi, dean of law and political science at Kabul University.

"Even if he didn't do much for the progress of our country, he didn't kill anybody," Safi said.

About a month ago Safi's views were published in a new weekly newspaper, *Akbar-e-Hafta*. The article was accompanied by the first photograph of the king that Kabul residents can remember seeing in the government-supervised media since he was overthrown in 1973.

The issue quickly sold out, although its price of 10 afghanis is four of five times that of other newspapers. Even illiterate people scrambled for copies.

"All the people like Zahir Shah," said a shopkeeper who spoke on condition of anonymity. "In Zahir Shah's time, there was not killing of people."

## Future role

Even President Najib, a former secret-police chief, has said talks with the ex-king could be useful. In mid-February, Najib said he had sent emissaries to Zahir Shah's exile home in Italy. A spokesman for the ageing ex-monarch promptly denied any such contact with the Soviet-style government.

The US-backed mujahedeen guerrillas, operating from headquarters across the border in Pakistan, are divided about the king's return.

Any future role for him in Afghanistan has been flatly rejected by the mujahedeen's hardline fundamentalists, such as Rasul Sayyaf, leader of one of the seven parties in the guerrilla alliance based in Peshawar.

## Pakistan

Some of the more moderate leaders — such as Ahmad Gailani, who once served as the king's religious adviser — say they would accept his return as a constitutional monarch, a sort of living flag to help unite the Afghan people.

The king himself seems amenable to coming home. In early February, as the Soviet Union was withdrawing its last soldiers from Afghanistan and ending nine years of combat support for the Kabul government, Zahir Shah said:

"I am prepared to render without any claim or precondition any service to my country which would reflect the will of the majority of my compatriots."

The sticky question is how to reconcile the poles-apart politics of Najib's People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the mujahedeen's Islamic fundamentalism and a monarchy.

The mujahedeen refuse to deal with the party, whose communist beginnings have never taken root among the fervently capitalist Afghans. The party, whose leadership changes have come only through coup, assassination or purge, says it is willing to "share" power but will never step aside completely.

In four decades on the throne, Zahir Shah proved to be a less-than-dynamic leader. He was only 19 in 1933 when he became king upon the assassination of his father, Nadir Shah. For the next 20 years, his uncle ran the country.

In 1953, Zahir Shah's cousin, Mohammad Daoud, became prime minister and tried to push a feudalistic, tribal nation toward modernisation, by such means as bringing women out from under their all-enveloping head-to-toe veils.

In 1963, Zahir Shah finally exerted himself. Daoud resigned, waited a decade, and overthrew his cousin the king.

Five years later in 1978, Daoud was assassinated in a coup that brought the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan to power with a succession of strongman leaders.

Since then, an estimated one million Afghans have been killed in the war between the government and the guerrillas. Another five million have fled to neighbouring Pakistan and Iran, leaving Afghanistan with a population of 10 million.

Throughout the war, Zahir Shah's Daimler, a car that is somehow sleek and bulky at the same time, has remained unscathed. Periodically, it is dusted by a man with only childhood memories of the monarchy, a man who does not want to give his name and hopes the car will remain safe until the king returns.

The Daimler waits, along with five other royal autos, in a simple whitewashed structure behind the national museum, about 300 metres (yards) from the early 20th century Darulaman Palace which now houses the Defence Ministry.

# PLO gaining legitimacy in Israel

Shift in mainstream opinion

By Joel Greenberg

JERUSALEM: Slowly, inexorably, and despite government opposition, the Palestine Liberation Organisation is gaining legitimacy as a negotiating partner in Israeli eyes.

While the PLO is officially rejected as a terrorist group dedicated to Israel's destruction, increasing numbers of Israelis are arguing that talks with the organisation are inescapable if a workable peace settlement is to be reached with the Palestinians.

The palpable change in attitude has been accelerated by the recent changes in the PLO's political positions — specifically, its recognition of Israel and acceptance of a two-state solution to the Palestine problem.

The change, which began on the left of the Israeli political spectrum, is moving toward the centre, provoking hard responses from right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is sticking to his refusal to talk with the PLO.

Perhaps the most telling sign of the new Israeli attitude toward the PLO was the publication recently of a report by Israel's leading think-tank on strategic affairs. The report said that peace negotiations would

have to be held with the PLO, or at least with Palestinians identified with the organisation.

The report on "Israel's Option for Peace" was issued by the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, headed by Aharon Yariv, a former chief of Army intelligence.

"As long as the PLO maintains the moderate course it developed in late 1988, an Israeli policy that rejects unconditionally any dialogue with it does not appear to be sustainable over time," the report asserted. "It would generate increasing unrest within Israel, a sharp conflict with world Jewry, and Israel's own growing isolation."

The report, which did not rule out the eventual establishment of a Palestinian state next to Israel, was rejected by Shamir. He said its findings harmed Israel and strengthened its enemies.

Finance Minister and Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, reflecting the changes in his party, praised the report as an "intelligent analysis," adding that Israel must talk to the Palestinians "as they are — as they are organised."

Several days earlier, two leading conten-

ders for leadership of the Labour Party expressed similar views.

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said he would agree to talk with PLO if it committed itself in writing to a total renunciation of terrorism, recognition of Israel, acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242 (which implicitly recognises Israel), and relinquishment of the "right to return" of Palestinian refugees to their homes (from which they fled during the 1948 war) inside Israel.

Minister of Communications Gad Yacobi said talks with PLO chief Yasser Arafat could take place if Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip chose him as their representative in an election.

Last month, several key figures of the Labour Party, including Peres' deputy and advisor, Yossi Beilin, met in East Jerusalem with leading Palestinian supporters of the PLO from the West Bank. Members of the centrist Shinui Party also met with pro-PLO Palestinians, and spokesmen for the party have already pronounced talks with the PLO as inevitable.

(The Christian Science Monitor)

## Strange method of admission

SIR: I bring to your attention the real nightmare I and other parents are facing by the strange method adopted for Std V new admissions at New Indian School, Jabriya.

We are told that it is the 'firm' decision of the school board that no student from any local school is permitted to be admitted in New Indian School other than students from Carmel School for Std V.

This unjust system is strangely applicable even if the brothers/sisters of the student seeking admission are studying in the school. A sound logic will label this rash action as highly deplorable and inappropriate.

On what basis the school board has taken the decision is not understandable. On the other hand, some admissions with 'wasta' are freely taking place according to reliable sources but we parents who have no wasta are just turned down and no pleadings nor any distraught face can win the sympathy of the present principal, S.S. Ganju, who quotes that he is executing the decision of the board to run down the parents with delight.

It is normal and logical that any student studying locally desires to change school to suit location of residence or other facilities and the change is suitable from Std V onwards being the first class of the secondary school.

The previous principal, Dr Gerry Rodrigues had realized the core of the situation and felt much with the parents and accordingly had opened an additional division in Std V to tackle the situation.

On the other hand the present principal cancelled this additional division in Std V for reasons best known to him.

When questioned why priority is given for admissions in Std V for Carmel School students, we are told that these instructions are from the ministry. This is only an alibi as the ministry could not be so discreet, or how could the ministry be so one-sided?

Does the New Indian School or the ministry realize the plight of locally studying students seeking admissions in Std V and especially those having their brothers and sisters currently studying there? Certainly, the board did not realize this aspect when they made their 'firm' decision and their decision to accept only Carmel School students is biased and lopsided, without any prejudice to Carmel School students.

We now request the current principal to be more realistic and feel with the parents



rather than carry out the rash and immature decisions of the board.

We hope, better late than never, calls will be sent out to the affected parents seeking admissions from Std V onwards for their locally studying children.

K.M. Nair and others, Safat.

## Objects in space dangerous

SIR: Everyone is exhilarated with the launch of every new satellite, hailing it as a major success for human beings.

Two years ago, about 5,000 metal objects rotated the earth. Today there are more. Some of these objects have returned to earth, fortunately without much human casualties.

The countries that are launching these objects should be made more accountable for their actions. The least they can do is to limit the number of such objects per world wide population head, since the skies belong to the entire world and not just the privileged. They should also set up a fund for any mishaps.

We should be more concerned and responsible about our environment and plan our future more carefully so that we do not create another atmospheric problem before we wake up. The situation becomes more serious if a nuclear accident takes place in space.

The countries that launch these objects claim that the chances for accidents are slim. If it is so, can we assume that they will sacrifice themselves when other people suffer? They should give us solid guarantee for their claims.

Human beings are considered the most intelligent species on earth. Our actions are proving that we are anything but intelligent. Please give earth a chance.

Adil A. J. Al Hadithy, Safat.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Arabian Gulf University debt mounts

BAHRAIN, April 12, (Reuters): The Arabian Gulf University in Bahrain owes millions of dollars to foreign contractors. They are appealing to the seven founder states of the university — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain and Oman — to settle the debt.

The South Korean, Taiwanese, Australian, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabian main contractors that built the \$100-million campus in Bahrain are owed about \$33 million in initial fees. Interest and compensation for additional costs could double that figure, industry sources said.

Jamil Ali Ebrahim, spokesman for the companies, said a meeting of the university's council of ministers last month had failed to resolve the problem.

"We are very disappointed at the council's failure to come up with any solutions at this late stage," he told Reuters. "The main contractors are losing patience and are on the verge of taking legal action."

Ebrahim said regular payments to South Korea's Daewoo Industrial Co., Taiwan's Ret Ser Engineering Agency,

Saudi Arabia's Rabya Landscaping Ltd and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)-Australian joint-venture Al-Habtoor Leighton stopped in 1986, but they continued work, finishing the project in 1988.

Saudi Arabia was allocated 25 per cent of the costs as was Kuwait, Iraq 21 per cent, the UAE 15 per cent, Qatar nine per cent, and Bahrain and Oman 2.5 per cent each.

"The main issue is that the university hasn't got the money to pay the contractors," university spokesman Hisham Shehadi said.

Describing the situation as dismal, he said "some countries have paid to the last fil (cent) while others have paid nothing." He named Iraq and the UAE as non-payers.

Industry sources said the UAE owes the university nearly \$19 million. Shehadi said Iraq, burdened by billions of dollars of foreign debt after its eight-year-long war with Iran, had told the council it was not in a position to pay.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had volunteered to divide its share equally between them, he said.

### Energy File

## Oil firms urged to curb petrol price rises

PARIS, April 12, (Reuters): French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy called on national oil firms yesterday to curb recent petrol price rises and "come to their senses."

The French government's latest broadside in a battle over petrol prices followed increases which the companies blamed on higher crude oil costs.

"The government expects the oil companies, and above all public firms or those backed with public funds, to show the best example over prices and competition," Bérégovoy said in a statement.

He said car drivers should shop around to find the best bargains at the pump. "I invite drivers to choose the best price."

Last week the French oil industry Association Unisip said average retail prices of premium quality petrol had risen to 5.15 francs a litre from 4.89 on January 1. A spokeswoman then blamed part of the increase on higher excise duty at the start of the year.

### Oil ban

UNITED NATIONS, April 12, (Reuters): Oil companies have declined requests to testify on the effectiveness of an oil embargo proposed by the United Nations against South Africa, the head of the UN group concerned said on Tuesday.

But the diplomat, Nabeha Al Mulla of Kuwait, told Reuters that the producer Shell Oil Co and the International Chamber of Commerce had asked to have observers present when a UN panel begins two days of hearings today.

### Oil pact

QUITO, April 12, (OPECNA): Ecuadorian Minister of Energy and Mines Diego Tamariz has said the oil co-operation agreement signed between Ecuador and Venezuela is "excellent."

Under the agreement, Ecuador is likely to purchase liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Venezuela.

### Oil spill

NEW YORK, April 12, (KUNA): The American consumer will pay for the cost of the multimillion dollar Exxon oil spill through higher prices at the gas pump, an Exxon official conceded today.

"It's just like many other normal expense of doing business," said Don Cornett, Exxon's Alaska co-ordinator, unequivocally stating that consumers would bear the Brunt of the costs for cleaning up the largest oil spill in US history.

## Bomb attack on Frankfurt bourse

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 12, (Reuters): Fires broke out in various parts of the Frankfurt bourse, West Germany's leading stock exchange, today after unknown attackers hurled home-made petrol bombs into the building, police said.

A spokesman said three people had been arrested but no motive for the arson attack had been established. Fire brigade officials said the fires had been quickly extinguished.

A bourse spokeswoman said that trading would proceed as normal when the exchange opened at 1130 (0930 GMT).

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### Output, prices to be reviewed

## GCC ministers to discuss oil strategy

NICOSIA, April 12, (Agencies): Six Gulf Arab oil ministers are to meet in Saudi Arabia on April 26, an official of their regional organisation said yesterday.

The Gulf Co-operation Council official at the GCC's Riyadh headquarters said by telephone the ministers of OPEC states Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar and non-OPEC producers Oman and Bahrain will meet in Jeddah.

The ministers are expected to co-ordinate stands on price and production levels ahead of a June meeting of OPEC.

Oil experts from non-OPEC oil producing states will hold a meeting on May 16 in London to discuss the current developments on the international oil market and the appropriate measures that should be endorsed toward stable oil prices, an official OPEC source said yesterday.

It is predicted that the non-OPEC experts would focus their attention on the future co-operation between their countries and OPEC members to realise stable prices.

OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto had stated last March on the eve of the meetings for the pricing and strategy committee that the joint ministerial meeting between OPEC and independent oil producers would not be held until May 16.

The OPEC news agency (OPECNA) quoted deputy chairman of the Egyptian oil company Hammud Ayoub as saying that non-OPEC states which will attend the experts' meeting are Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Oman.

Ayoub added that Norway, North Yemen, the Soviet Union, the Canadian province of



Subroto

Alberta and the American states of Texas and Alaska will send observers to the London meetings.

The Egyptian oil official expressed to the agency his pleasure over the slowly-rising oil prices, indicating that the recent development is a direct result of OPEC's adherence to last November's agreement in respect to the production ceiling and quotas.

Independent oil producers had agreed to cut down their oil exports by five per cent, over 290,000 barrels per day, during the second quarter of 1989 to back up OPEC's efforts toward stabilising prices.

A joint ministerial meeting between the two sides was scheduled for late last March, but it was postponed for further consultations to better serve the stability of prices and in turn the interest of the two parties.

OPEC circles had described the move by the independent producers to reduce their exports as a positive step, but stressed that it was not enough to establish a "real and balanced" long-term co-operation between the two sides.

But analysts say that non-OPEC oil states do not seem to be enthusiastic about the joint meeting at the present time, since prices are on an upswing.

### Bid to improve oil sector

## Saddam calls for new incentives

BAGHDAD, April 12, (Agencies): President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has called for the introduction of an incentives system in the oil sector, linking wage levels with productivity, in order to increase revenues and strengthening the country's economic potential.

Receiving Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi and officials in charge of oil installations yesterday, the President said: "We have to link the wages of oil sector personnel with the level of productivity they achieve qualitatively and quantitatively."

"Any additional effort you make to increase the country's revenues will have a historical effect on the people's lives," the President said.

He described Iraq's 1972 nationalisation of its oil industry "as a turning-point" that laid Iraq's policy on a new path which provided the cornerstone for later progress in all walks of life.

Paying tribute to the accomplish-

ishments of the Iraqi oil sector, Saddam said, "Yet the door is still open for further achievements within your own capabilities."

Chalabi said Iraq would launch an energy-saving campaign as it now wasted about a quarter of locally-produced energy. "Look at my office," he said, gesturing at the walls. "Neon strip lighting everywhere and it's of no use at all."

He said that for the first time the government would talk to the public about the need to conserve energy. "In the next two months, we will open special offices and put messages in the newspapers, on the radio and on television," he said.

Chalabi said Iraq consumed about 300,000 BPD of its OPEC quota of 2.64 million, but he expected consumption to decline as the Gulf war ceasefire reduced military needs.

Iraq now had production

capacity of 4.5 million BPD, he said, and was rebuilding its war-damaged deep water Gulf oil export terminals. He predicted they would probably reach their pre-war capacity of about 2.5 million BPD by the end of 1990.

### Pipeline

Iraq is due to complete the second stage of a pipeline across Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea in September, adding 1.15 million BPD of capacity to an existing 500,000 BPD line. It has two pipelines through Turkey with total capacity of 1.5 million BPD.

Chalabi said the end of the war with Iran and new refining capacity was likely to lead to the closure of several small Iraqi refineries.

"Now we have 600,000 BPD of refining capacity, but we will certainly look at efficiency and being economical of the refineries. We will close down small ones," he said.

## Iran, Riyadh urged to co-operate for price stability

NICOSIA, April 12, (Reuters): An Iranian newspaper today urged Tehran and Riyadh to work together to maintain oil price stability during OPEC's next ministerial meeting in June, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

The English-language Tehran Times in an editorial "has urged Iran and Saudi Arabia to bolster the present relative consistency in oil prices through making further rapprochements in economic standpoints between the two OPEC wings."

Iran and Saudi Arabia lead two different camps within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and have had no diplomatic relations since April 1988.

### Capacity

Iran, with a limited production capacity due to war damage to its facilities, wants output restraints by OPEC to boost prices in the short-run. Saudi Arabia, with huge crude reserves opts for increasing OPEC's market share in the medium-run, and does not want sharp price increases.

Tehran Times, calling OPEC's November ministerial meeting a success, said the strategy followed by Iranian and Saudi oil ministers "helped curb a negative reaction on the part of the market and raise the prices to a rather unexpected level."

The editorial has attributed the jump in the crude oil prices to closed-door agreements between Iranian and Saudi ministers, but it posed the question whether Tehran-Riyadh agreements will still hold in the June session."

IRNA said. "Will Iran defend its \$20 a barrel proposal and will the Saudis continue to defend their market-related quota strategy?" IRNA quoted Tehran Times as asking.

## Police crack down on black market

CAIRO, April 12, (Reuters): Egyptian police have arrested 30 illegal currency dealers in a crackdown on the country's revived black market. Al-Ahram newspaper reported.

About two million Egyptian pounds (\$800,000) were confiscated in arrests which occurred throughout the country during the past week, the paper said in its today's early edition.

### Comeback

The currency black market has been staging a comeback after being subdued for nearly two years. High demand for dollars has forced the pound to unprecedented lows and bankers in Egypt expect further declines.

Black market dealers are buying dollars at rates of about 2.90 pounds, while the rate on the official free market set up in 1987 is 2.47 pounds. The official rate is set daily by a committee of bankers.



US Trade Representative Carla Hills arrives to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on the GATT trade talks. (Reuters wirephoto) See US pledges Page 10

## Dollar edges higher

### Gold sinks

LONDON, April 12, (AP): The US dollar edged higher against major foreign currencies in light European trading early today. Gold prices were lower.

Dealers said they expected the dollar to trade within a narrow range, squeezed by dollar demand and fears of intervention by central banks, before Friday's release of several key US economic indicators.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar rose 0.23 Japanese yen to a closing 132.85 yen. Later, in London, it eased to 132.80 yen.

### Price

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Tuesday: 1.8850 West German marks, up from 1.8825; 1.6651 Swiss francs, up from 1.6582; 6.3638 French francs, up from 6.3535; 2.1268 Dutch guilders, up from 2.1225; 1.380.50 Italian lire, up from 1.379.25; 1.900 Canadian dollars, up from 1.888.

In London, the British pound fell to 1.6910 dollars from 1.6995 dollars late Tuesday.

Gold opened in London at a

bid price of \$383.80 a troy ounce, down from \$385.25 bid late yesterday. At mid-morning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$384.15.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$384.20, down from \$385 bid late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$1.29 to close at a bid \$385.08.

Silver bullion was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.82 a troy ounce, down from \$5.84 bid late Tuesday.

In London, share prices were slightly firmer at midday today, but still hovering near the day's minimum levels as much of the early gains in the heavily weighted chemical and pharmaceutical sectors evaporated.

### Players

Dealers said shares swept broadly higher on early news of a merger between British pharmaceutical giant Beecham Group and Smithkline Beckman Corp. of the United States.

But by late morning, most of the broad-based euphoria from the link-up dissipated, leaving

## Saudi Arabian GDP growing

RIYADH, April 12, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia's GDP grew by 3.2 per cent in 1988 and the value of the kingdom's exports increased by nearly 10 per cent over 1987.

Hamad Al Sayyari, who led the kingdom's delegation to the recent meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, said the value of Saudi non-oil exports increased by 58 per cent last year.

### Deposits

He noted that the country's bank deposits also increased by 10 per cent compared with 1987, while company and bank net profits went up substantially as well.

Stepped up economic activity, he said, covered industrial, agricultural and commercial sectors which contributed positively to national income.

Al Sayyari said the Saudi economy has surpassed the stage of adaptation and started to grow steadily.

The Saudi government has been encouraging the private sector to contribute positively to the process of economic growth in the country, he told the Saudi Press Agency.

only pharmaceutical and health and household stocks alight.

"I think the market retreated when players decided they were getting a little too overexcited" by the Beecham-Smithkline merger, one trader said.

At 12:12 pm (1112 GMT), the Financial Times-stock exchange 100-share index was 2.6 points, or 0.1 per cent, higher at 2,033.9 just above its late morning low of 2,032.5.

The index surged as much as 14.3 points higher to 2,046.1 in early trading, on follow-through buying from Tuesday and optimism over the Beecham deal, dealers said.

Turnover by midday was only 227.3 million shares, compared with 322.7 million shares at the same time Tuesday.

Sterling fell on Tuesday as investors took fright at the prospect of a national dock strike in Britain, currency dealers said.

It lost ground after news that dock union leaders had voted to ballot their members on a strike.

Economists said the sell-off was caused by uncertainty over what it could mean for the British economy.

### Unemployment climbing

## Labour disputes simmer

BEIJING, April 12, (Reuters): Strikes and labour unrest are on the rise in China and may force the government to relax its austerity programme despite the threat of even higher inflation, Western analysts said.

Official figures showing a renewed surge in industrial growth in March and rocketing money supply suggest that the central government has already eased its grip.

A trade union spokesman confirmed today that strikes were increasing, partly because of the central government's austerity programme launched last September to curb inflation.

Unemployment is climbing and some state-owned enterprises are effectively bankrupt and unable to pay their workers, Shen Zuying of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions said in an interview.

One of the largest strikes last year was in the central city Xian where 1,000 workers in a medical equipment factory stopped work for three months because their

manager was often away and ignored workers' rights, Shen said.

"Of course, the government is concerned about the strike situation, the Trade Union Federation too."

He said that when Premier Li Peng spoke about concerns over social stability to the annual meeting of parliament last month he was referring to strikes, student boycotts of classes and nationalist unrest in Tibet.

Official figures show that unemployment rose to three million last year from 2.77 million in 1987.

Compared with Western countries, the numbers are small, just two per cent of the workforce. But Shen noted there are also from 10 to 30 million "surplus" workers — people with jobs but nothing to do.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily detailed last week how cash shortages caused by the austerity policies were triggering protests among workers angry at not being paid.

At one plant in Sichuan province in southwest China workers beat their food bowls and sang the communist anthem "the Internationale" in their canten.

Three billion yuan (\$810 million) has been issued in emergency payments by the central government to state-owned factories to buy raw materials and pay wages, the daily said.

Diplomats noted, however, that the austerity policies had so far failed to stop inflation rising. Latest official figures show that prices rose by a national average of 26 per cent in the year to February against 18.5 per cent in 1988.

"The coalmines, railways and power stations are living hand to mouth... because the state does not pay them enough for their products," a Western economist said.

Serious shortages of energy last winter — a mild one — and transport bottlenecks have forced the government to boost money supply, he added.

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## International Bond Highlights

MEXICO CITY: Mexico's Finance Minister Pedro Aspe said Mexico will receive a loan of 2.797 billion special drawing rights from the International Monetary Fund under a three-year extended fund facility agreement signed Tuesday. (XLBX 0001) Aspe said Mexico has invited its 13-bank advisory committee to open formal debt restructuring talks next Wednesday. (XLCF 0443) Mexico sees an important role for foreign investment in its plans for economic growth, according to the IMF letter of intent. (XLCF 0448)

London: Nippon Credit Finance (Curacao) NV is issuing a 200 mln dir Eurobond due May 17, 1993 paying 10-1/4 pct and priced at 101.55 pct, lead manager Nippon Credit International Ltd said. (XLDU 0722)

Amsterdam: The European Economic Community launched a 120 mln guildler six-year straight due May 17, 1995, with a 7.25 pct coupon and an issue price of 101.5 pct, lead manager ABN Bank said. (XLYO 1619)

Washington: The US Treasury said it will sell 14.40 billion dir of three- and six-month bills at its regular auction next week. (XLRZ 0008)

New York: Philippine officials are briefing commercial creditors on the country's financing needs during talks here, but discussions would not take place until after Mexico has opened negotiations with its bank committee. (XKZZ 1828)

## BOMBAY

PR.	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	93	90.50	91	MUK	IRON	109	105	104
ACC	332	326	322	GNFC	44.75	44	43.56	NAT INDEX	387-18	47	44	45.50
ALLEN CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	122	119.50	118.50	NIPPON	47	44	45.50	---
ALW NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	150	146.25	147.50	NOCIL	870	850	830	---
ART FIB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68.50	66.50	67	ORAY	26.50	26	25.75	---
ASHOK LEY	80.50	82	77	HEAVY	14	12.50	12.50	OSMAL AGRO	86	87	83	---
ASIA PAINT	212.50	210	208	HIND CIBA	30	29	28	PEICO	28	26	24.50	---
ATLAS COP	52	49	48	HIND COCOA	980	970	955	PONDS	200	195	197.50	---
AUTO CORP	82	79	82	HIND LEVER	120	116.25	115	PREK AUTO	57	56.50	55	---
BAJAJ AUTO	442.50	432.50	427.50	HIND MOTOR	82.50	82	82.50	RAMRAY	117.50	110	115	---
BAR RAYON	437.50	425	427.50	HINDALCO	270	265	262.50	RECKITT	180	172.50	177.50	---
BL BOND	150	151	148	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
BK PLAST	---	---	---	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
BOM DYE	143	142.50	137.50	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
BSE INDEX	752.15	753.98	753.98	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
BURR MEL	212.50	205	210	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
CANSHARE	170	160	170	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
CEN ENKA	2690	2650	2650	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
CEN SPG	1880	1840	1830	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
COLGATE	357.50	352.50	350	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
CROMPT GR	850	810	850	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
DDM	15.50	13.50	14.50	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
DEEP FERT	32.50	32	32	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
DUNLOP	97.50	90	92.50	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
EI HOTELS	52	51	53	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
ESKORTS	64.50	63	64	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
ESKAYEF	148.75	147.50	146.25	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
ESSAR SPG	26	25	24.50	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
FOOD SPL	195	190	191.25	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
FORBES	53	53	55	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
GAR POLY	80	76.25	76.25	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---
GE SHIPPING	43.50	42.50	43.50	HINDOIL	900	880	865	RELIANCE	152.50	145.50	146	---

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEB	215.0	214.1	AJINOMOTO	2710	2680	HITSUB CP	1590	1600	AKAI ELEC	744	728
ALLIANZ VR	1797.0	1776.0	AKAI ELEC	744	728	HITSUB EST	1180	1150	AKI	1440	1400
BADENWERK	190.0	190.0	AKI	1440	1400	HITSUB HYV	1130	1130	ASAKI GTS	2460	2480
BASF	303.5	301.8	ASAKI GTS	2460	2480	HITSUBKSHI	2340	2320	ASAKI OPT	921	919
BEYER	304.8	305.0	ASAKI OPT	921	919	HITSUBU EL	990	985	BANK TOKYO	1660	1680
BAYER HYP	375.0	372.5	BANK TOKYO	1660	1680	NICHICON	1650	1730	BRIDGESTON	1510	1480
BAYER VER	391.5	390.0	BRIDGESTON	1510	1480	NIHON CHNT	1200	1240	CANON	1740	1720
BBC	448.0	447.0	CANON	1740	1720	NIKKO SEC	1760	1780	CASIO COMP	1450	1420
BHF	471.0	474.5	CASIO COMP	1450	1420	NIP ELEC	1820	1790	CHUGAI PHM	1600	1590
BHW	526.0	522.0	CHUGAI PHM	1600	1590	HIP KOKKAN	908	910	CITIZEN V	1030	1040
COMMERZBK	267.5	267.0	CITIZEN V	1030	1040	HIP OIL	1640	1670	D-ICHI KAN	3320	3320
CONTI GUHM	266.0	262.0	D-ICHI KAN	3320	3320	HIP STEEL	917	920	DAI NIP IK	910	913
DAIMER BEN	704.0	692.0	DAI NIP IK	910	913	HIP YUSEN	1030	1050	DAI NIP PT	2300	2330
DEUTSC BHK	542.0	537.8	DAI NIP PT	2300	2330	HIS MOTOR	3340	3360	DAI NIP SC	1070	1050
DLV	304.0	308.0	DAI NIP SC	1070	1050	HOMURA SEC	3340	3360	DAI NIP TO	954	930
DRESNER B	331.0	329.5	DAI NIP TO	954	930	OHBA CO	1120	1030	DAICEL	1130	1170
DRBARDCK	172.0	172.0	DAICEL	1130	1170	OLYMPUS	1240	1250	DAIWA H	2020	2000
FAZ INDEX	0	575.39	DAIWA H	2020	2000	PENTA OCH	1550	1510	DAIWA SEC	2830	2830
HELMHELE	342.0	351.9	DAIWA SEC	2830	2830	PIONEER	3230	3220	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	RENNER	995	995	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	RICOM	1250	1240	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	SANKYO	945	941	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	SANYO ELEC	945	941	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
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HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	SHARU	1330	1320	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
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HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	SUMITOMO	1450	1430	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
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HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TAKEIDA CH	2350	2370	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
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HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TKO NEW IX	466.39	470.25	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TOKIO NRM	2060	2050	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TOKYO ELEC	1270	1270	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TOKYO GAS	1130	1130	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TOKYO POWR	5940	6000	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
HOECHST AG	306.0	305.3	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040	TORAY IND	1000	1020	DAIWA RFG	2100	2040
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## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS SEESAW THROUGH DAY TO CLOSE MIXED

TOKYO, APRIL 12, REUTER - SHARE PRICES SEESAWED THROUGH THE DAY TO END MIXED. PRICES STARTED WITH A RECORD HIGH, FELL INTO THE MINUS SIDE IN THE AFTERNOON AND THEN REBOUNDED NEAR THE CLOSE TO END OFF LOSS ON SOME INDEX-LINKED BUYING BY INSTITUTIONS, BROKERS SAID. TRADE WAS MODERATE.

THE KEIYU 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX FINISHED UP 6.87 POINTS AT 33,256.45, UP 185.16 POINTS TO A RECORD TRADED 33,434.74 IN EARLY TRADE, BUT FELL AS FAR AS 113.07 POINTS TO A LOW 33,136.51 POINTS IN THE MID-AFTERNOON.

THE NIKKEI ENDED 250.56 POINTS HIGHER ON TUESDAY.

"THE MARKET BOUNCED BACK ON TUESDAY AND THIS MORNING BECAUSE IN THE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (PRIME MINISTER NOBORU) TAKESHITA DID NOT SAY ANYTHING DRAMATIC AND NO DEVELOPMENTS CAME OUT FOR THE TIME BEING," SAID SATSUKI OTA, A BROKER AT BARCLAYS DE ZOEVE WEDD SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.

TAKESHITA BRIEFED PARLIAMENT ON HIS LINKS TO RECRUIT CO, THE HEART OF THE SCANDAL THAT HAS ROCKED THE GOVERNMENT.

BROKERS ATTRIBUTED THE AFTERNOON FALL TO SEVERAL FACTORS.

"THE MARKET OVERHEATED AND THERE WAS SOME PROFIT TAKING," SAID A TRADER AT YAMAICHI SECURITIES CO LTD. "VOLUME DRIED UP. WE ARE NOT GETTING ANY INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT."

INDIVIDUALS AND SOME CORPORATIONS WERE THE MAIN SUPPORT FOR THE MARKET THROUGH THE DAY.

INVESTORS WERE REMINDED THAT POLITICAL WORRIES ARE NOT YET OVER, AND THIS ALSO SPURRED SELLING, BROKERS SAID.

PARLIAMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) UNILATERALLY OPENED A MEETING OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT'S LOWER HOUSE DESPITE AN OPPOSITION BOYCOTT. SUCH A UNILATERAL MOVE IS RARE IN JAPANESE POLITICS. THE GOVERNMENT USUALLY ATTEMPTS TO FORM A CONSENSUS WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES BEFORE MOVING FORWARD ON CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, APRIL 12, REUTER - RENEWED INTEREST FROM OVERSEAS AND DIMINISHED CONCERNS ABOUT A RIGHTS ISSUE BY HOPEWELL HOLDINGS REACTIVATED TRADE AND BOOSTED SHARE PRICES.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 34.16 POINTS TO 3,060.16 AND THE BROAD-BASED HONG KONG INDEX 22.10 TO 2,025.78. TURNOVER ROSE TO 1.8 BILLION H.K. DLS FROM 726.58 MLN ON TUESDAY.

BROKERS SAID EXPECTATIONS THAT DEVELOPER HOPEWELL WOULD TRY TO TAP THE MARKET FOR TWO BILLION TO FOUR BILLION DLS DECREASED SENTIMENT ON TUESDAY BUT WAS LESS OF A CONCERN TODAY. "THE HOPEWELL RIGHTS ISSUE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN FULLY DISCOUNTED," SAID HOWARD GORGES, OF SOUTH CHINA SECURITIES.

## AMMAN

	DPWG	CLSG	JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
			JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.46	2.45
			JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.75	3.60
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.87	1.85	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.65	3.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.90	1.90	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.75	1.76
ARAB BANK	151.0	150.5	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.61	3.60	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.09	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.55	0.54	JOR SELPHO CHENY.		
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.13	2.14
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.99	0.99	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.60	5.40
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.92	0.91
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.43	0.43	JOR. PETROLEUM REF		
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	3.06	3.03	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.99	0.98	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.33	2.30
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
BANK OF JORDAN	15.45	15.40	JORDAN DAIRY	0.95	0.94
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.02	1.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.30	1.28
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	2.82	2.68
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.01	2.01
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.49	0.49	JORDAN KUMAIT BANK	1.40	1.40
DAR ALSHAAB DV/INV.	2.36	2.35	JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.74	0.73	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.75	0.71
FINANCE/CREDIT/CCR	0.75	0.71	MS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.55	4.60	NED EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	NED EAST HOTEL	0.46	0.44
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27	NIDDELE RESEARCH	0.85	0.80
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.10	2.15
HOLD LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MS		
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.67	0.67	NATIONAL AMERICA INS	1.26	1.28
INDSTRL DEVLPT BAK	1.60	1.63	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.97	0.97
INDSTRL/COMM/INSTR.	1.57	1.60	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.87	0.88
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.05	0.05	NATIONAL STEEL	2.88	2.87
INTERM.CO/INV	0.13	0.13	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	PANAMA INS.	2.35	2.50
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA JOR INS.	0.35	0.35
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.75	1.74	PRECAST CONCRETE	1.10	1.11
J.TOUR-SR COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.82	1.91
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.64	0.64
JO TOBACCO/CIAGARET			SHIPPING LINES	1.07	1.07
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.90	1.92	SPINING WEAVING	1.08	1.09
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	THE HOUSING BANK	1.90	1.90
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.46	1.45	UNIVERSAL INSURANCE	1.16	1.16
JOR ENRANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	3.08	3.07
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.00	1.00	UNIVERSAL INSUR.	0.65	0.68
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.90	0.90
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.42	2.42	YARNKUL INSURANCE	1.30	1.30
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20			



## US pledges tough stance at global trade talks

WASHINGTON, April 12, (Reuters): US Trade Representative Carla Hills labelled last week's international trade talks a success on Tuesday but said the pace had to be quickened if they were to succeed in reducing global trade curbs by a 1990 deadline.

She told the House of Representatives Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade that the United States would make no concessions at the talks unless the other 100 nations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) also cut their trade curbs.

### Negotiations

"If others do not negotiate in good faith, it is unlikely the negotiations will result in final agreements that the United States

will be able to sign," Hills said.

GATT members met in Montreal in December for mid-term negotiations in the talks that began in Uruguay in 1988, but reached an impasse on cutting farm subsidies and protecting intellectual property rights such as patents and trademarks.

Hills said the disputes were resolved in Geneva, and "we are now well-positioned to undertake in earnest the final, hard bargaining which will determine whether the Uruguay round succeeds."

In addition to cutting trade-distorting farm subsidies and coding pirating of patents and trademarks, the United States wants to end curbs on trade in services and

investments.

Asked if she had considered tying US aid to ease Brazil's foreign debt problem to its protection of foreign intellectual property, Hills said: "I look at everything."

But she added that no US policy decision had been taken. Brazil is considered a major violator of foreign property rights in such fields as computers and pharmaceuticals.

### Subsidies

Hills said "we feel strongly about protecting our high technology — these are our crown jewels." Writing tough property rights laws into GATT was a

chief US aim, she said.

On agriculture, Hills denied the United States had backed down in Geneva on its demand that others, chiefly, the European Economic Community, pledge to try to end all farm subsidies.

The US demand contributed to the Montreal stalemate.

The United States and the EEC are estimated to spend about \$20 billion a year each on farm support programmes.

Hills said all export-distorting farm programmes would be on the table in the GATT talks, including the US sugar support programme, but she would not say what specific programmes would be targeted for elimination.

## Business world's most powerful women

NEW YORK, April 12, (UPI): The 10 most powerful women in corporations in the United States, as identified by Savvy woman magazine, all are over the age of 40 and not more than two rungs below the chief executive position in their company.

According to the May issue of Savvy, the business world's most powerful women are:

— Patricia "Tosh" Barron, 46, director of corporate management, Xerox Corp.

— Camron Cooper, 49, senior vice-president and treasurer, Atlantic Richfield Co.

— Carol Goldberg, 58, president and chief operating officer, Stop and Shop Cos.

— Katharine Graham, 71, chairman and chief executive officer, The Washington Post Co.

— Ellen Hancock, 46, vice-president and general manager of communications systems, International Business Machines Corp.

— Judy Rogers, 48, senior vice-president, Central Support Services, Federal Express Corp.

— Muriel Siebert, 59, chairman, president and chief executive officer, Siebert and Co.

— Jan Stoney, 48, president, consumer division, US West Inc.

— Linda Wachner, 43, president and chief executive officer, Warner Group Inc.

— Marina Whitman, 54, vice-president and group executive, General Motors Corp.

Savvy said the women were chosen because of the size of their companies, their positions and the opinions of industry analysts.

### Idea

The magazine, due on newsstands April 18, said the group includes both Business-School Fast-Trackers of the last 15 years, "raised with the idea that women can achieve anything," and earlier women corporate pioneers.

One of the most profound differences between the two generations of women represented on the list is the pioneers' acknowledgement of self-doubt and anxiety brought on by assuming an "untraditional" role. This was not shared by the second wave, the magazine said.

GM's Whitman, for example, was recruited from the academic world by the carmaker 10 years ago.

Had GM not approached her, she said she never would have pursued a job in the industry.

"My imagination just didn't stretch that far," she said.

Mexico City to get 3-year loan of \$3.635 b

## Mexico reaches accord with IMF

MEXICO CITY, April 12, (UPI): Mexico Finance Minister Pedro Aspe announced today Mexico has reached a landmark agreement in principle with the International Monetary Fund on a loan of more than \$3 billion for reducing the nation's \$104 billion foreign debt.

Aspe told reporters the recent accord with the IMF is a recognition by the international community of the country's efforts in matters of economic stabilisation and structural change.

Under the accord, Mexico will receive a three-year loan of 2.797 billion in special drawing rights worth \$3.635 billion, Aspe said.

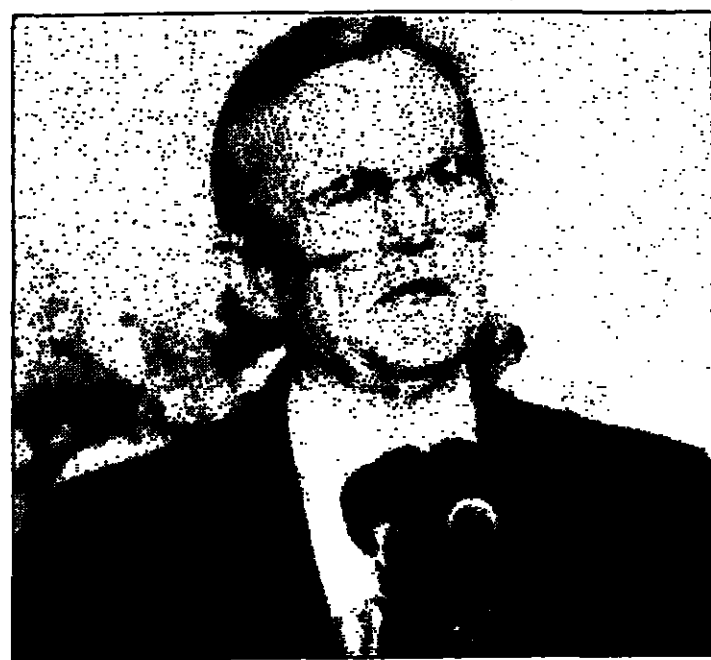
"In addition, it is hoped that Mexico will get compensatory financing of about \$500 million for 1989," Aspe said.

He said that a considerable part of the IMF loan will be used beginning next week to reduce Mexico's \$104 billion foreign debt and its servicing, second highest among developing countries after Brazil's \$123 billion.

### Creditors

Mexico is currently paying about \$10 billion a year in interest alone to its overseas creditors.

The new loan is from the IMF's extended facility. Extended facility loans support a country's economic reform programmes over the medium term — from two to four years — in contrast to the more common short-



Nicholas Brady

ter-term IMF's stand-by loans — from 12 to 18 months — which help countries overcome balance-of-payments shortfalls.

Aspe said the accord also will help Mexico obtain "substantial additional official resources" from both multilateral institutions as well as from individual countries, and will facilitate the restructuring of "our debt with official creditors grouped in the Paris Club."

Aspe said Mexico hopes to reach an accord with the World Bank in upcoming days to obtain a credit of \$1.5 billion.

Mexico, as well as Costa Rica, Venezuela and the Philippines, is considered one of the prime candidates for US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's plan to reduce developing countries' foreign debt using IMF and World Bank loans and guarantees.

## LDP opens budget talks

TOKYO, April 12, (Reuters): Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) unilaterally opened a meeting of the budget committee in parliament's Lower House today despite an opposition boycott, parliament officials said.

Opposition parties have refused to join budget talks over demands that former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone testifies on his involvement in the Recruit share scandal.

A Japan Socialist Party (JSP) official attacked the LDP for the move and said all opposition parties had decided to boycott the deliberations on the 1989-90 budget, which have already been delayed by over a month by the scandal.

Such a unilateral move is rare in Japanese politics. The government usually attempts to form a consensus with at least one of the opposition parties before moving forward on controversial matters.

Political analysts said the decision was in effect a challenge to the opposition parties, who have attempted

to use the consensus tradition to stall parliament and force Takeshita from office.

Takeshita wants the budget to get through the Lower House committee by April 21, but political analysts say the LDP would have real problems if it failed to pass before the end of the month.

Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita is scheduled to leave for a trip to Southeast Asian countries on April 29 and failure to pass budget would mean the trip would have to be cancelled, the analysts said.

Three cabinet ministers have resigned and 13 people arrested in the scandal, involving payments from the Recruit publishing and telecommunications group to politicians and other public figures to push forward its business.

On Tuesday, Takeshita told parliament he had received 95 million yen (\$720,000) between 1985 and 1987 in political donations from the Recruit group to his political support organisations. He said all of the donations were above-board.

## Japan rejects India's loan plea

Delhi holds high credit rating

NEW DELHI, April 12, (UPI): Japan has rejected an Indian request for a "massive special loan" and suggested that New Delhi ask the International Monetary Fund for help to overcome a cash shortage aggravated by a widening trade deficit, a news report said on Monday.

A Japanese diplomat denied the front-page report in the Indian Express newspaper, which said India's foreign exchange reserves currently stood at \$3,500 million, barely enough to purchase three months' worth of imports.

"India sounded the Japanese government about a massive special loan to tide over the crisis, but met with a polite rebuff," the newspaper said.

### Loan

"We were exploring the possibility of such a loan, and the Japanese made their views clear," a Finance Ministry official told the Indian Express.

It gave no details of how much New Delhi sought from Tokyo, but said Japanese officials advised their Indian counterparts to apply for most of the funds from the IMF, while they would provide a small supplementary loan.

The newspaper reported that New Delhi instead had decided to "borrow heavily" from the international capital market to service its burgeoning debt, as it did not want to approach the

IMF during an election year.

The International Monetary Fund usually attaches stiff conditions to its loans, stipulations that could impose greater economic burdens on the population and cost Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi votes.

India holds a high credit rating in international monetary circles and a good record of servicing its debts.

However, experts hold the government is facing a cash crunch largely because of interest payments on previous loans, a decline in hard currency remittances by Indians working abroad, and most important, a vast increase in imports under Gandhi's economic reform programmes.

### Request

The Indian Express quoted diplomats as saying Tokyo probably spurned New Delhi's request because it rarely gives special loans outside official development assistance programme, except in cases of natural disaster and acute financial crisis.

India receives less than one per cent of Japanese investment in Asia, and Japanese attempts to penetrate the protected, centralised economy have mostly been stymied by the skein of Indian regulations that govern trade deals.

## Jordan and IMF to sign letter of intent soon

AMMAN, April 12, (Reuters): Debt-burdened Jordan will shortly sign a letter of intent with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to undertake a medium-term programme of economic reforms, the official news agency Petra said yesterday.

"The programme includes adopting financial, monetary and investment policies that aim at achieving a balanced growth in the economy through lowering the budget deficit, improving the balance of payments and boosting foreign exchange reserves," it quoted Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai as saying.

Rifai, briefing heads of commercial banks on Sunday on two weeks of debt rescheduling talks with the IMF, said the letter of intent would be signed in the coming few days, Petra reported.

### Crisis

A financial crisis, exacerbated by a fall in Arab aid and lower remittances from Jordanians working abroad, has forced Jordan to halt some payments on its civil and military debt.

A senior Jordanian official told Reuters the economic reform programme would be spread over five years, but further cuts in public expenditure would have to be made this year.

He said the letter of intent would qualify Amman to approach the Paris Club of official creditors to reschedule its debts. He expected these talks could begin before the end of June.

Petra quoted Rifai as saying the programme aimed to produce "a conducive savings and investments atmosphere to encourage productive projects and increase Jordan's hard currency earnings."

He said the IMF thought the exchange value of the dinar, fixed by the Central Bank at 540 fils to the dollar in early February, was "realistic and appropriate and there was no need to change it."

Payments of \$1.2 billion fall due this year on Jordan's total foreign debt of about \$6 billion and Amman is expected to seek an IMF standby credit to help it to cope.

### Forecast

Western diplomats have estimated Jordan's budget deficit in 1988 at 253 million dinars (\$675 million) against the forecast of 68 million dinars (\$181 million). The trade deficit in 1987 totalled \$700 million.

Rifai told the bankers that the IMF expressed support for austerity measures already taken by the government.

In the past seven months, it has devalued the dinar, banned luxury imports, floated interest rates, lifted industrial licensing controls and trimmed public spending.



### Ambitious goals

Vivian Locsin takes a call on the trading floor of Manila's twin bourses. Locsin took the job as first woman president of Makati Stock Exchange with ambitious goals to reform the Philippine stock market, including putting a stop to insider trading. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Women hold only 6 pc of top jobs in US news media

WASHINGTON, April 12, (AP): Women hold only 6 per cent of top jobs in the US news media and 25 per cent of mid-management jobs, according to a study released on Monday at a conference on "Women, Men and Media."

The study, financed primarily by the conference's sponsor, the Gannett Foundation, also reported that women in the media earn 64 cents for every dollar earned by a man.

"Not only are women ignored at jobs in the media, they are slighted in coverage as well," the study said.

The researchers said they studied photos, bylines and story sources in 10 newspapers in March and found that 27 per cent of bylines on the front page were those of female writers, 24 per cent of the photos included women, usually with their families and 11 per cent of the people quoted were female.

Using this standard, the researchers ranked the newspapers "from best to worst" as follows:

USA Today first; Houston Chronicle and Atlanta Constitution tied for second; followed in order by the Seattle Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Chicago Tribune and New York Times.

Increased

A study of rightly network newscasts found that from 1975 to 1989 the percentage of female news correspondents increased from 9.9 per cent to 15.8 per cent, the report said. It said the percentages of stories filed by women in February were 22.2 per cent on the CBS television network, 14.4 per cent on NBC and 10.5 per cent on ABC.

The percentages of stories that focused on women were 13.7 per cent on ABC, 10.2 per cent on CBS and 8.9 per cent on NBC, the survey found.

## Economic reforms 'vital'

Poland needs financial aid

WASHINGTON, April 12, (Reuters): Poland should make newly-adopted political reforms by liberalising its economy, a US official said.

The Bush administration official, speaking to Reuters on Monday, said the United States should respond favourably to reforms agreed last week by the Polish government and the opposition led by the Solidarity trade union.

The reforms begin a process of dismantling the Communist Party's power monopoly and putting Poland on the road to parliamentary democracy.

Asked how and when Washington would respond to them, the official said: "If you're asking me if I think we should be responsive to the... agreement that has just been concluded with Solidarity, and so forth, the answer is clearly yes, we should."

But he added: "I don't know that there's any specific time frame."

He did not say what kind of favourable response Washington would make.

The official, who granted an interview to Reuters on condition he was not named, said the United States should insist that Warsaw follow the reforms with steps towards an economic free market.

But it should not grant financially-strapped Poland the liberal lending terms that had been extended by the West in the 1970s.

"The important thing is that we make it clear to the Poles, as we've tried to in the past, that it's not enough just to change the political system. The economic system doesn't automatically follow."

He said Polish officials had been visiting Washington during the past two years for talks with the US government and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), seeking financial aid for

## Nigerian refineries on path to recovery

LAGOS, April 12, (Reuters): A Nigerian oil refinery hit by an explosion last Thursday should be fully operational this week and shortfalls caused by problems at other plants should soon be overcome, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp said today.

The OPEC-member nation, which pumps about 1.4 million barrels of crude oil daily, has been obliged recently to ship abroad far more oil than usual for refining under offshore processing agreements.

Some parts of the country still suffered over the last few months from severe shortages of products, especially petrol and bottled gas for domestic cooking.

The Warri refinery in the south of the country, capable of refining 125,000 barrels a day of oil, was partly put out of action by last week's blast.

### Plant

A fire in January incapacitated Nigeria's oldest refinery, a 60,000 barrels a day plant at Port Harcourt, and the Kaduna refinery in the north with a capacity of 110,000 barrels a day was closed for routine maintenance on March 1.

A new 150,000 barrels a day refinery at Port Harcourt, the country's biggest, was commissioned ahead of schedule on March 21 to try to close the supply gap.

Dalha Bayero, managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp's production marketing division, told Reuters damage caused by the explosion at the Warri refinery had been almost completely repaired.

"It could be back in action later today," he said.

Bayero, back in Lagos after a tour of all four Nigerian refineries, said the Kaduna plant should start up again on April 18 and be back to full production before the end of the month.

Repairing the old Port Harcourt refinery was still a long-term prospect, but inspections suggested the damage was superficial and less serious than first feared, he said.

Bayero said imports of products, which ran at close to half a million tonnes in February and March, would be down to a little over 300,000 tonnes this month.

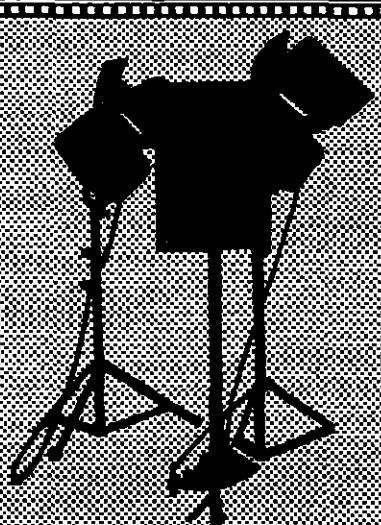
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# Jordan's gift to 'intifada'

## Play marks birth of political theatre

By Jamal Halaby  
AMMAN, Jordan, (AP): A young Palestinian armed with a slingshot stands in the spotlight and peers out at the Arab audience. "If they are relatives and friends, why don't they come with us to liberate Palestine?" He asks the father standing next to him.

It's a provocative question to raise on stage in the Arab world, and one reason that the play "The Land That Called Us People" has become an unusual theatrical success in Jordan, a country where plays are rare and political drama almost nonexistent.

The play, *Al-Bilad Talbat Ahilha* in Arabic, is the largest production yet staged in Jordan that deals with the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories next door.

Since opening last month, it has drawn thousands of spectators to the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman, a city where people generally prefer to stay home watching television with their families.

"It is one of Jordan's greatest gifts to the 'intifada' (uprising) and the Palestinian people everywhere," said one spectator, 51-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim.

"I am happy that our political ideas are being expressed publicly," said Ibrahim, who said he hoped that the play "marks the birth of a more democratic and free society in this part of the Arab world."

Hani Al-Amad, secretary-general of Jordan's Ministry of Culture, said the play "has

portrayed the Palestinian cause in a serious political frame probably for the first time in the Arab world."

Politics are touchy in Amman, whose Palestinian majority is claimed both by Jordan and by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, although the two are politically allied.

The country's security forces have stifled most demonstrations in support of the uprising, while the country's leadership has repeatedly expressed support for it.

"I really wanted this play to be inaugurated in Jordan," said producer Zuheir Al Noubani, who also plays the star role of Abu Al Izz, an elderly Palestinian village leader.

"Before it was accredited here, I took it to five other Arab countries and obtained approval. And when I brought it here there were some comments (objections). I told them that it was their prerogative."

"I will show it abroad, but I still insist that it is shown in Jordan and this worked," Noubani said.

The play recessed early in April. But Noubani said it would probably resume its run later in the month. He said he plans to take the play to Europe and the United States, and to have it filmed in Chicago.

The playwright, Abdul-Latif Aqel, developed his craft on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where Palestinian nationalist theatre developed at venues such as Jerusalem's Al-Hakawati theatre.

But he shied away from terming the play

political.

Aqel called it "a comprehensive artistic work which equally consisted of philosophical, sociological, psychological and political elements."

The story focuses on Abu Al Izz, head of a Palestinian village called "Umm El-Zaytoon," or "Mother of the Olives," who is invited to address and elicit, Western-oriented club about the Israeli occupation.

In his address, Abu Al Izz attacks Israel's treatment of Palestinians and decries the Palestinians' own inability to free themselves from the occupier's grip.

He also criticises the Arabs, both government and people, for their inability and unwillingness to fight with Palestinians to liberate Palestine and their insufficient commitment to the Palestinian cause.

In one scene, Abu Al Izz's teen-age son, one of the young combatants of the intifada, comes to call his father back to the village, where fighting has erupted.

The son asks his father who the audience is. When Abu Al Izz says they are friends and relatives, the boy asks why they are not aiding the Palestinian struggle.

Aqel said he wanted to tell the audience that "they have to stand strong with the intifada, not only by giving financial donations, but by moving personally along with the people of the uprising."

"What I mean is that they have to fight with Palestinians to liberate the lands."

### Direct contact

THE Kuwait International Hotel invited its long staying guests to a rather unusual place — the hotel's laundry! The staff had also invited them to bring along a soiled shirt to be washed, dried and pressed — ready to take away when the get-together was over (complimentary, of course). Both staff and guests enjoyed new experience because, for the first time, guests had direct contact with back of the house staff, meeting people who are behind the scenes and make things work.



## Brilliant portrait of Beirut families

By Ahmad Al-Rikabi  
THE American Centre in Karachi recently screened a most unusual documentary feature: *Beirut: The last home movie* is, to say the least, an unorthodox addition to the list of war movies. Produced, directed and co-written by Jennifer Fox, and winner of many international awards, Beirut is perhaps the most apolitical film ever made about that war-torn city. Unlike other war movies that depend on scenes of graphic violence in order to get their message across, this particular effort deliberately avoids addressing the conflict directly. Instead, it focuses on the people who are living through an endless and absurd war.

"I chose not to show the Palestinians' camps. War doesn't look good on documentary camera. Besides, there are 17 officially recognised factions involved in this war, and nobody seems to know what the war is about," Fox comments. Instead, she chose to document the lives of the members of a single family, as they struggled in the face of relentless violence.

The Bustros family comprising three sisters, Gaby, Nyla and Mouna, their brother Fady, and their mother Mimi lives in a massive 200-year-old palace, reminiscent of houses from the Ottoman empire. The house is situated in Christian Ashrafia, only one kilometre from the Green Line, a strip of land that separates West from East known as the Wall Street of Lebanon, the Green Line is now one of the war's most central battlegrounds, and one of the city's most incendiary areas.

The Bustros can afford to move out to a safer place, but they refuse to do so. Instead, they keep planning to repair the damage to the house caused by repeated bombings. Gaby, who returns from the United States to persuade her family to move out, gradually gets convinced that staying back was the only logical thing to do. The family even talks enthusiastically about the celebration of Fady's upcoming wedding. "Nothing must be changed until we are stopped," they say.

This insistence on staying back and defying the war seems to have given the family a new sense of purpose, and to have brought them closer as a family. By focusing on the dynamics of the Bustros' interactions, Fox has tried to expose the dilemma of a nation facing total disintegration.

Courtesy: Herald

### WHAT'S ON

#### ARTS

**Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salmiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm.

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

#### THEATRE

**Reflections**  
April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The school of Contemporary dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets — KD 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm. Wed; ticket order: answer me — 5382099, 2-6 pm.

**Al play**  
MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep" followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

#### SOCIAL

**Balaakhi di Raat**  
APRIL 13, 7.30 pm: The Punjabi Cultural Society presents "Balaakhi di Raat" at the IAC, Funnaites, to celebrate Nehru Centenary.

**Bharathi Kalai Mandram**  
APRIL 14: The Bharathi Kalai Mandram will celebrate their fourth annual day at the Indian Embassy Hall.

**Nritthanjali**  
APRIL 14, 7.30 pm: Nritthanjali presents Noopuradhwani, an evening of Indian classical and folk dances, at the Indian Arts Circle.

**Bharathi Kalai Mandram**  
April 14: Bharathi Kalai mandram, the Tamil association in Kuwait will celebrate their

fourth annual day at the Indian Embassy Hall.

**Star party**  
April 14: The Bangladesh Association will hold an Iftar party at the embassy premises in Jabriya. All Bangladeshis are invited.

**Kuwait Little Theatre**  
April 20: KLT, Ahmadi, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3983964, 3919759.

**Bayanithan**  
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

**Summer Affair '89**  
MAY 6: The Weekend Club will hold the Summer Affair 89 at Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights: live contest, gala buffet and selection of Summer Queen contest. Tel: Hilary Baretti 5741380 (2-7.30 pm); Julio 5734513 (5 pm onwards); and Mercedes 4890566 (from 3 pm).

**Remo's Show**  
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will be the star performer. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance. For details call Tony 2415439; Wilson — 3918905 (office hours); Val — 5614504 after 2 pm.

**Pakistan Eld Dinner**  
FIRST Day of Eid: There will be an "Eid Milan" dinner for the Pakistani community, organised by Yasmin Muzaffar. Tel: 5385341.

**May Queen**  
May 11: Kuwait Goans will crown the May Queen at Messiah Beach Hotel. Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. Highlights of the evening will be Alexandre Rosario's performance. For details call 2413348; 4881387.

**Casuals Cricket Club**  
MAY 18: 8 pm, Messiah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements — 5333248; or Val Tudball — 5327159.

#### CINEMA

**British Council**  
April 15/16, (6.30 pm): To the Lighthouse, a film version of Virginia Woolf's novel. It is summer of 1912 and the Ramsey family is once again on holiday in Cornwall. Six-year-old James' ambition to go to the lighthouse is constantly thwarted by his father. The children begin to resent their tyrannical father and the family slowly breaks up after the death of Mrs Ramsey. Ten years later, the

family returns to Cornwall to a very different atmosphere. Starring: Michael Cough and Rosemary Harris. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533203; 2533227.

#### HOTELS

**Filipino Cultural Show**  
DANCERS, singers and backstage helpers are needed for a Filipino cultural show, due to be held in June. Contact the Filipino Cultural Club for details or call Florence 2439451; 2423171; Lito Matig — 2417965; 2417767.

**Al Ramada Al Salam**  
El Bender: offers special iftar and subour buffet. Al Gandoil Grill Garden, open in the evenings offers a selection of grills in the ambience of a waterfall.

**Al Mawardi Garden**  
After iftar, relax in the open-air with a cup of tea or coffee and watch a selection of movies on the big screen.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Coffee Shop: Offers iftar buffet every evening. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabian sweets and fresh fruits with Jellab juice. Trio Dimension provide music up to 10 pm.

**At the Sheraton**  
Al Hamra: daily iftar buffet including a selection of traditional Arabian sweets; Oriental music.

**The Coffee Shop**  
Iftar buffet; a la carte will also be available. Subour will be served from 12 midnight until 3 am.

**Le Tarbouche**  
normal dinner operations with a la carte menu; on Thursdays will be the Arab World specialties buffet; open from 7 pm to midnight.

**The Hunt Room**  
will be closed during Ramadan.

**At the International**  
LA PALMA: Iftar buffet from a different country each week; begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for subour.

**At the Plaza**  
NOURA Terrace: open from 7 pm to 12 midnight, featuring Lebanese mezzeh and other treats.

**Al Dallah Coffee Shop**  
offers a la carte or dinner buffet featuring Arabic, Continental or Asian food. Speciality: plat du jour.

### RAMADAN TIMINGS

Imsak	3.52 am
Iftar	6.14 pm
FRIDAY	
Imsak	3.51 am
Iftar	6.14 pm

### PRAYERS

Fajr	4.02 am
Zuhr	11.48
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.14
Isha	7.33
FRIDAY	
Fajr	4.01 am
Friday prayer	11.48
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.14
Isha	7.34

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### CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
Night of the Creeps  
Starring: Jason, Steve Marshall, Jill Tyler

**Al Salmiya**  
Taming of the Scrooge  
Starring: Adriano Selimano

**Al Hamra**  
Urban Warriors  
Starring: Karl Langdon, Deborah Keith

**Drive-in**  
Al Duniya Jinh Yamama (Arabic)  
Starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Mervat Ameen

**Al Firdous**  
Agnee (Hindi)  
Starring: Mithun Chakraborthy, Amrita Singh

**Fahsheel Open-Air**  
Makkar (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajesh Roshan, Bindiya Goswami

**Al Fahsheel**  
Gol-Maal (Bengali)

**Al Jahra**  
Arabic Film  
Granada

**Rambo III**  
Salaikhbat  
Snake in Eagle's Shadow

**Al Jleeb**  
Josh (Hindi)  
Ahmad Drive-in

**Amber Al Maut (Arabic)**

**FRIDAY**  
Al Jahra  
Mad Mission II

**Granada**  
Daku Hasina (Hindi)  
Salaikhbat

**Battle of Fiving**  
Al Jleeb  
Soorma Bhopali (Hindi)

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### TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

#### KTV 1

10.00 Holy Quran  
10.15 Cartoons  
10.30 Mama Anisa and Children  
10.45 Magazine D'Actualite  
11.00 Variety Show for children  
12.15 Fi Rihab Tariya: In the field of Education.  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.35 Cartoon Serial  
2.00 Al Nabi Ha Hina: historical serial, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Madiha Kamel, Amina Rizk  
3.15 Ibtahal Deeni  
3.35 Daerat Al Naar: Arabic serial, starring Talhat Hamdi, Samar Sami, Rashid Assaf  
4.30 Musabaqat Al Ramadan: repeat  
5.00 Al Rihaya: Arabic serial, starring Noora, Yusuf Shaban, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Maher  
6.00 Hadith Deeni  
6.10 Quran Al Kareem  
6.30 Cartoons  
7.00 After Iftar  
7.15 Al Tama'aen: serial for children, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Ali Mufeedi  
8.00 From People's Art  
8.45 With Islam: hosted and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madkhour  
9.00 News  
9.30 Musabaqat Ramadan  
10.00 News in Arabic  
10.50 A'ad Wa Lakin: Local serial.

#### Football

THE Amiri Cup football tournament will be shown on Channels 6 and 47, until April 26. The soccer games will not interrupt normal viewing on KTV 1 and KTV 2.



Hunter speculates the 'Six Million Dollar Misunderstanding,' 12 midnight on Friday, KTV 2.

11.45 Asa'kum min Awaada  
12.00 Al Talathiya: (Najeeb Mahfouz); starring: Mahmoud Musfi, Maali Zayed.  
12.50 Al Ab'al Sharayi: Arabic film, starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Nadia Lutfi, Shukri Sarhan.  
2.15 News Summary  
2.20 World News via Satellite  
2.50 Holy Quran, Closes down

#### KTV 2

8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizon  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Munsters Today: "Designing Munsters." Hermann believes his wife is cheating him; she claims she is studying to be a designer.  
9.00 News in English  
9.30 Ahadith Qadsiya: religious programme  
9.45 The Beauty and the Beast: "Ashes." Vincent saves a Russian defector's life but things go wrong when the man turns violent.  
10.30 Paul Daniels Magic Show: British magician Daniels presents this show featuring several illusions  
11.30 Late Night Movie: "Vengeance: Case of Tony Simo." Starring: Brett Davis, Roxanne Hart. The parents of a boy die in a shootout; though he is on the side of the law, he is taken in for questioning for his alleged involvement with a criminal.  
1.00 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

#### FRIDAY

8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizon  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Interbang: a professor is kidnapped by the gang; his students try to find him.  
9.00 News in English  
9.30 Sayings of the Prophet  
9.45 Why Islam: a special programme for Ramadan  
10.00 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces British League Soccer games  
11.30 Weekend: a local programme  
12.00 Hunter: "Six Million Dollar Misunderstanding." A security man steals six million dollars and kills his accomplices; and escapes with the money. No one can find the money.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.45 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran closedown

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Special to the Arab Times

## Awards, talent shows keep stars busy

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

IT appears that filmdom gone stale by hackneyed celebrations wanted something new to chew upon. This grist was provided by a private company's talent contest, a magazine awards function and a felicitation by a club of cinegoers.

All these were different in their own ways, because the sponsoring parties did not belong to the film world. So at least their approach was fresh and they thought of some surprise twists which became the talk of the town. Of course, film people were associated in one way or the other, so at times they got the centre stage and stole the limelight with their own tricks.

The All-India Bagpiper Silver Screen Acting Talent Contest, as it was called, got off to a flying start. Aided by the United Breweries Group, Virgin Advertising and Herbersons Ltd., the talent hunt is the rounds of the country through Madras, Delhi and Calcutta, topped by the final round in Bombay.

The results are bound to be interesting, with a Prince (hero), a Princess (heroine) and a Legend (character artist) being crowned the winners.

**Craze**  
The craze for entering films is so great that the organisers received 18,000 applications from all over India, including even the rural areas. There were more males than females which is welcome, because women already have the Miss India and Beauty Queen contests to catch the eye of producers. Male talent has to knock at the doors and struggle to get their worth established. The conditions of aspiring character actors is even worse.

Thus the Bagpiper people are playing the right time by searching for these various talents. The only flaw is that they have limited the final scope to just three people. Yet, as Naaz Roversen, the head of Herbersons explained, they will have a hundred runners-up, who will get a wide exposure at each centre.

Every round will have a variety entertainment programme or a fashion show, to 'show off' the aspirants. Each will get a chance



Ashok Kumar presents a 'Life Achievement' award to Dilip Kumar. Saira Banu is on the left.

to do a bit of spontaneous acting or a rehearsed scene on the stage. The tremendous response for the event is also because fabulous prizes are being offered at the final round accompanied by two hours of entertainment. One can expect a good show because the Virgin unit, led by the live-wire Amitabh and Farhana, have already held such extravaganzas like the 'fizizal nites'. The biggest incentive is that the judging will be done by top film makers, writers and stars, who can directly offer roles to the new talents and beautiful people.

There is a crying need for fresh faces on the Indian screen, to break the star system, with a few artists taking on too many roles, delaying films and causing financial harm. A flood of new talents can relieve the present situation. Last time, when the United Producers had held a big contest, people like Rajesh Khanna had been discovered. But the IMPAA talent hunt two years back proved a flop with no good discoveries.

Now, this latest attempt may bear fruit. The organisers are doing it in a non-commercial way. There is not even an entry fee.

The sponsors are satisfied only with product promotion and compulsory modelling by the new stars for two years. Moreover, they have the film industry's support and that is not just because they are a liquor manufacturing group, as some people joked.

At the launching party at the

Taj, those present included Anil Sharma, K.R. Reddy, B.S. Grover and Feroz Nadiadwala. Actor Jankidas unfortunately made a mess when he was needlessly asked to speak. He hogged the mike with stories of his own 'great' deeds and (imaginary) films being made on them.

If there is search for talent, there is also recognition for the most talented people of the year. This came in the form of the Star & Style mag awards tied up with Lux soap makers. Both the products were adequately advertised in the hall where the function was held.

Directors, actors and actresses who had done excellent work both for cinema and TV were picked up from five nominations made by readers. Amitabh was declared the best actor for 'Shamshah' (though many did not agree with it) and Rekha as best actress for 'Khoon Bhari Maang' (which was tolerable).

Amitabh sensing the public feeling did not come at all. Rekha came but made a 'tamasha' of herself, thus spoiling the function. When Shekhar Kapoor came to present her the award, she declared on the air that the award should have gone to the late Smita Patil for 'Waaris'. Rekha said she wanted to give the award to Smita's son Smit Pratik. Then she walked up to the boy actor of the TV serial 'Malgudi Days' and gave away her trophy to him, which was an insult to the organisers and demeaning to the value of the

award.

Why did Rekha do all this? Since Amitabh did not come, she felt frustrated and wanted to do a stunt, like Shabana did at the Delhi film festival. The jury which decided the award also had Jaya Bachchan (though she did not attend any meeting). It seemed Rekha wanted to prove Jaya's judgement wrong. By suggesting the award for 'Waaris', Rekha wanted to show the noble gesture to a dead artiste and also claim credit for her own work.

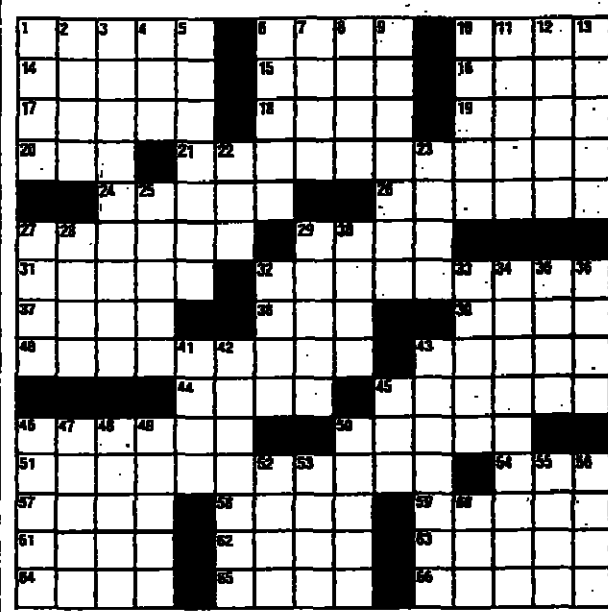
She had dubbed all of Smita's dialogue and she wanted to prove that her voice was responsible for half the performance. We shudder to think what other stunt Rekha would have done, if Amitabh had come to the function, or if Jaya had accompanied him as the juror.

It was Dilip Kumar along with Saira who provided a saving grace to the award function, which was not as star-studded as last year's. Ashok Kumar, Rajendra Kumar, Shammi Kapoor, Manoj Kumar from the old and Asha Sachdev, Swapna, Kiran Juneja and Ektaa of the young lot were the only stars present.

Dilip was given a special 'Life Achievement' award at the hands of Ashok Kumar, who deserved it better for his longer career. In his passionate speech, Dilip pleaded for the industry to be freed from heavy taxes. As it stands, a producer was getting back only four rupees from every hundred earned at the box-office.

**Garlands of fruits**  
And then, there was an interesting function by Cinegoers' Club to mark the completion of its twenty years. Its dynamic secretary Shyam Kajari hit upon the idea of felicitating Jeetendra, not for his staying power but his performance as a bold honest journalist in 'New Delhi'. Not all may agree with the film or performance being super, but good old Jeetu certainly deserves a pat for surviving so long in the industry. Though other stars were not present, journalist M.V. Kamath and Agriculture Minister M.V. Deshmukh came as special guests.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Feelings, mod style
  - 6 Lyre's kin
  - 10 Play mates?
  - 14 So far
  - 15 Shaggy dog
  - 16 Alencon
  - 17 Fuglist's quest
  - 18 Not give
  - 19 Mediterranean port
  - 20 "Quiet"
  - 21 Literally
  - 24 Pass
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  - 27 Coir, ramie, etc.
  - 29 Travel agents org.
  - 31 Audibly
  - 32 Concerning
  - 37 Spanish streams
  - 38 Bee or horse lead-in
  - 39 New Rochelle college
  - 40 Leave no doubt
  - 43 Opera singer
  - 44 Lament
  - 45 Shake down
  - 46 Leaf base
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  - 51 Precisely
  - 54 Steno's need
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- DOWN**
- 1 Big containers
  - 2 The Thames at Oxford
  - 3 According to
  - 4 Slippery one
  - 5 Cruise hand
  - 6 In two
  - 7 Irrational number
  - 8 Popular name in Oslo
  - 9 Sharp comeback
  - 10 Emulate
  - 11 Emmett Kelly
  - 12 Composer
  - 13 Hair-raising
  - 14 Leans
  - 22 Place for would-be its.
  - 23 Pride sound
  - 25 Pamlico Sound feeder
  - 27 Home on the range?
  - 28 Hip bones
  - 29 Land — (listen)
  - 30 Have the lead
  - 32 "That makes sense"
  - 33 Blurred
  - 34 As it were
  - 35 Rare bird
  - 36 American novelist Howard
  - 41 Algonquian
  - 42 Broadway tune?
  - 43 Put forth
  - 45 Scrape by, with "out"
  - 47 Goes — (deteriorates)
  - 48 Calabrian country
  - 49 Stately flower
  - 50 Amos
  - 51 Alonzo —
  - 52 Seine feeder
  - 53 Math. subject
  - 55 Time — half
  - 56 Folksinger
  - 60 Actress
  - Bartok

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K105 ♥J6 ♦K1010 ♣AQ983

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♥

What do you bid now?

A.—While partner probably does not have much in the way of high cards (after all, you are looking at 15 points and both opponents are bidding), he should have a reasonable suit to overcall vulnerable. With a double stopper in the enemy suit, try three no trump. Partner can always correct if he deems it necessary.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AJ97 ♥KQ6 ♦J8 ♣K1076

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—The only bid to avoid is two no trump—in this sequence, that would be only invitational and, with the values for an opening bid facing an opening bid, you want to be in game. Bid three no trump.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠97 ♥J652 ♦AQ932 ♣84

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ Dbl 1 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ762 ♥74 ♦865 ♣432

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♥ 1 ♠ 1 NT Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's double is for penalty, not takeout—had he wanted to hear from you, he would have doubled one heart. Therefore, you should pass.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.7—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.9—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.10—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

Q.11—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AK93 ♥Q63 ♦8 ♣AQ762

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have the opportunity to describe your hand perfectly, both with regard to shape and strength. If you jump to four hearts now, you not only show a responding hand that is better than minimum but, having bid two suits and jumped in a third, you highlight a singleton in the unbid suit.

## Behind the screen

Sujata Mehta has been criticised by her fans for doing a vamp's role in Yateem. Actually they should have picked on the ad film and TV commercial Sujata has done for a shop selling saris. She appears wearing a horrid wig and dress, looking like a clown. Then she "sells" the shop's goods not in one but in three languages.

Stars get forgotten if their films fail and nobody signs them. But non-stars vanish into thin air. Indrajit, the grandson of India's former President Zail Singh, came to Bombay to become a star. The film was Belagum with Moon Moon Sen.

But it disappeared without a trace. And the poor hero is also nowhere to be found in Bollywood.

Jackie Shroff and Ayesha Dutt are poles apart. Jackie came up with the label of 'Jaggu Dada' while Ayesha has been brought up in a rich, sophisticated household way. But then opposite poles attract. Even now, Ayesha hates the way Jackie smokes "bidi" and she nags. But Jackie lumps it, as he needs a rich "biwi" for his poor career.

Like Aamir Khan, Juhi Chawla has also become choosy about roles. She left Rakesh



Ayesha stares as husband Jackie lights a 'bidi'.

Roshan's Krishna Kanhaiya just because it called for semi-nude scenes. In that case she can never become R.K.'s Henna.

Chunky proudly claims that he will soon be married to Dimple. He does not say which Dimple. So people are surprised and jealous. It is his girlfriend called

Dimple, or rather some other ordinary Dimple.

One evening, wild rumours swept newspaper offices that Amitabh was dead or at least seriously injured in accident. The rivals thought they would get it in print. But the papers checked the news and ignored it.

## The Art Buchwald Column

## Good luck, frequent flyer



Union members can't understand that. Their only concern is feeding their families. The employees don't give a hoot about what happens to entrepreneurs like us. This country will never get back on its feet until it has respect for those of us who watch the bottom line.

"I am about to turn on the 'No Strike' sign to warn the stewards and stewardesses it is against FAA regulations to carry placards up and down the aisles while we are in flight. Ladies and gentlemen, appreciate it if everybody bought \$30 worth of liquor to help keep Eastern flying for the rest of the year."

"Now hear this. This is Capt. Lorenzo speaking again. We hope that you are enjoying the flight. As you probably heard before leaving Miami, Eastern will no longer supply meals to passengers. You can blame this on our 35,000 striking employees who could care less if our passengers starve

to death. If you don't like this any more than I do, write to the Bush Administration. Almost everyone there is a good friend of mine.

"We are flying over Niagara Falls and we have a treat for you. We are going to show 'Labour Unions and How They Destroyed America.' This is a tough, hard-hitting film which depicts the decline of the labor movement, and how one man decided to break the stranglehold that the working class had on his airline. There will be a \$6 charge for head phones....

"This is Capt. Lorenzo. We hope that you enjoyed the movie. If you would like a videotape to take home with you, the cost will be \$99.

"Many of you have asked what are the issues in this strike now affecting all of us. They are as much about power as they are about running airlines. I discovered that it is impossible to have power if you give money to the

workers. I know how to operate a damn good airline but I can't do it if the employees have their hands out all the time saying, 'gimme, gimme, gimme.' There has to be some way of carrying on a business without paying people.

"Ladies and gentlemen, apparently my strike-breaking tactics are working so I am going to demand the resignation of three of the cabin stewardesses, and request that they turn in their uniforms immediately. Eastern will never forget their loyalty.

"This is Capt. Lorenzo speaking to you once more. At this moment we are flying over Montana and seem to be out of fuel. I am asking all the passengers to fasten their seat belts so that I can declare bankruptcy, and let the courts worry about whether we are going to make it to Alaska or not."

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## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



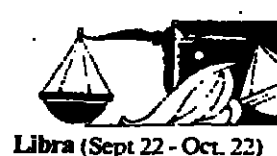
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Do not expect to have everything your own way although some things will be. You will tend to tire rather more easily and should ensure you get plenty of rest. Do not permit yourself to be distracted. Be resolute.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to make better progress than you first thought possible. You are liable to be more forgetful so, do keep notes. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be less extravagant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

Not everything is to your liking but there is no need to fear that everything might go wrong. You should avoid all sorts of exaggerations and distortions. Think twice and more before deciding between alternatives. Be moderate.



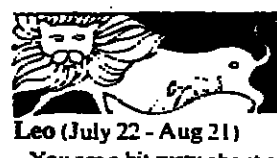
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should avoid making others feel inferior even if to some extent they are. Do your utmost to rid yourself of resentments and prejudices. Make sure you do not join the rank of bad drivers. Be pliable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you read the instructions carefully before beginning to use a new device. Do not do anything that would antagonise a good friend of yours. Avoid abandoning your principles or losing the courage of your convictions. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You are a bit rusty about something you have not done for a long time but it will soon come back to you. You will have something to be pleased about but you must not allow yourself to relax your efforts. You will be able to avoid falling into a trap. Be careful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

You are more liable to come into conflict with someone at work, so be on your guard. Try to see things from the other person's point of view too. Make sure that a hobby does not take up time that should be spent working. Be objective.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You should be prepared to accept the inevitable rather than combatting it. Preserve your energies for what can and should be changed. Take sufficient rest too strenuous exercise. Be alert.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Keep your objectives clearly in mind and do not try to run before you can walk. The prospects are good but nothing will be achieved without effort. Make sure you do not leave any bills unpaid. Be patient.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will feel a little nervous and not so sure of yourself. However, if you use your willpower you will be able to stay on course. You should try to make the most of things. Be pleasant.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should look at the alternatives carefully before making up your mind. Your lucky numbers are 20 and 27. A good opportunity could well not be recognised until it is too late. Never mind, there will be others. Check your facts. Be observant.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

If you do something to help a friend or colleague you will be repaid in full in due course. Do not abandon trying to learn a skill which is proving rather more complicated than you had expected. Take the best care of your health. Be moderate.



## JUNIOR TIMES

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 13-14, 1989

### Dear Junior Readers,

As the weather gets hotter and the humidity of Kuwait's long hot summers is smelt in the atmosphere, more and more households have begun using their air-conditioners.

An air-conditioner is, naturally, very reviving and extremely comfortable, however it can also be quite hazardous.

If the temperature at home is cool and you leave for the shortest period of time, you may catch a bad cold. Your body cannot adapt to sudden changes in weather (like that which it faces when you leave a cool house to a very warm atmosphere and vice-versa).

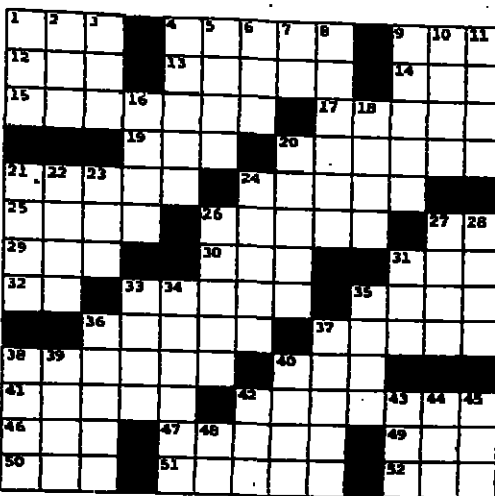
If you intend to go out, try to keep the temperature inside your house quite high, so that you do not face a harsh change in weather when you leave. It may be rather uncomfortable but better safe than sorry.

Mamad.

### CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

1. Spinning toy
4. Staff; forces
9. Caspian or Red
12. Female sheep
13. Small, miserable dwelling
14. Cushion
15. Mobile's State
17. Get up
19. Mouth part
20. Rocks
21. Chef's protective garment
24. Small storage structures
25. Fish lure
26. Think; suppose
27. In the direction of
29. Pot cover
30. Large monkey
31. Baby's napkin
32. Overhead railway
33. Tardier
35. Stubborn animal
36. The Nile, for one
37. Fussy
38. Trembles
40. Piece of land
41. Prying bar
42. Treasure State
46. Anger
47. The things there
49. Sailor; along
50. Comedian
51. Black, from



#### DOWN

2. Be in debt (to)
3. Steeped beverage
5. Night bird
6. Small vegetable
7. Series of links
8. Play
9. Actress Gardner
10. Believe
11. Fruit drinks
12. Ink spot
13. Fishing poles
14. Very thin; slay
15. Competent
16. Bucket
17. Free (of)
18. Extra-special
19. Fence doors
20. Tip; lean
21. Follow orders
22. Public transportation
23. Similar to
24. Prevents
25. Baseball glove
26. Black bird
27. Cash
28. Shredded
29. Brave man
30. Misplaced
31. Cow's cry
32. Past
33. Presently
34. Actor Vigoda
35. Santa's word

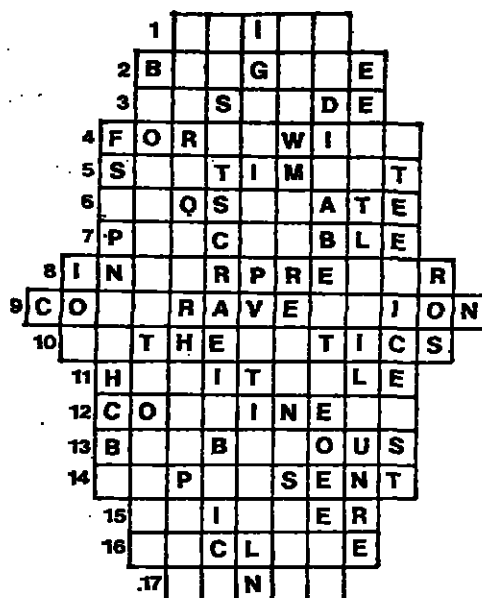
### Happy birthday

Jitsy Jose celebrated her 4th birthday in India with her friends and relatives. Best wishes dear Jitsy.



### Bi-pairs - 2

Add the same pair of letters twice to each of the following to complete the word. For example, BR-G-G with IN added twice becomes BRINGING. There is a clue to each word.



1. A vegetable
2. Portable belongings
3. A waterfall
4. Without delay
5. Feeling
6. A fertilizer chemical
7. Tranquil
8. Translator
9. Violation
10. Science of numbers
11. Fit to dwell in
12. A land mass
13. Uncivilized
14. Stand for
15. There
16. Lean
17. Reason.

### Ha! Ha!

'Mum, can I go out and play?'  
'What in those clothes?'  
'No — in the park.'

Alfie had been listening to his sister practising her singing. 'Sis,' he said, 'I wish you'd sing Christmas carols.'

'That's nice of you, Alfie,' she said, 'why?'  
'Then I'd only have to hear you once a year!'

One small boy was telling his friend about the mysteries of his big sister's make-up. 'She's worried about what she calls her "complexion,"' he said, 'so she puts lemon-juice on her face.'

'Lemon juice!?' exclaimed his pal, 'no wonder she always looks so sour!'

'Louisa,' asked her small brother, 'can you help me with my maths homework?'

'Certainly not,' replied Louisa indignantly, 'it wouldn't be right.'

'Maybe not,' said the boy, 'but you could at least try...!'

Julian was the most advanced boy in his class. He sat in the front.

'My sister's taking cookery lessons,' said little Nick. 'Last night she made some soup — ugh! — it was awful. This morning some pygmies came over from Africa to dip their darts into it ... and for lunch today she gave us cold boiled ham. That's ham boiled in cold water.'

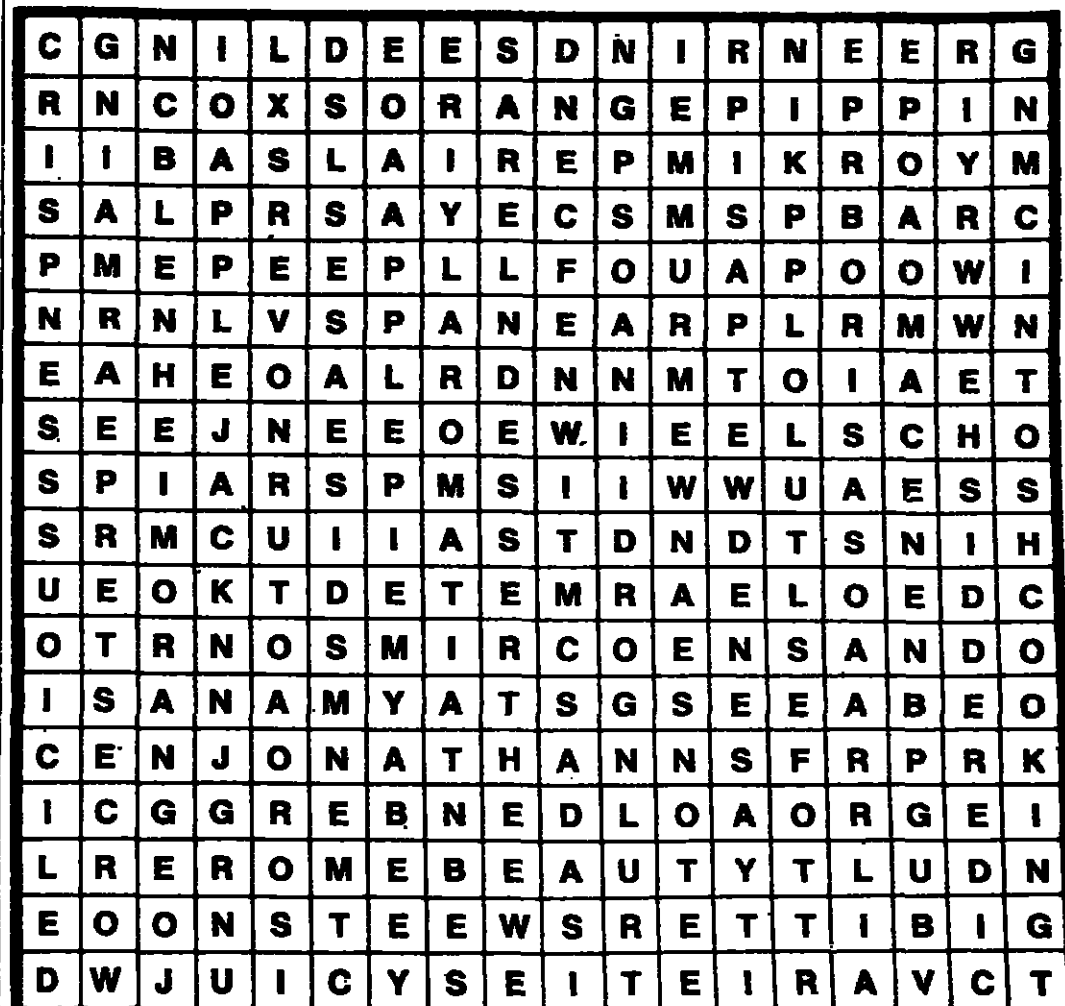
'Hello, Ginger!' her brother called cheerily to his sister.

'Don't call me Ginger!' she snapped furiously. 'My hair is the colour of gold.'

'Yeah,' he replied with a jeer, 'twenty-two carrots!'

### Word search APPLE TASTERS

CIDER	GREEN RIND	ROME BEAUTY
COOKING	GRENADIER	SEEDLING
CORTLAND	JONATHAN	SHARPS
COX'S ORANGE PIPPIN	JUICY	STAYMAN
CRAB	MALIC	TANG
CRIMSON	MCINTOSH	TREE FRUIT
CRISPNESS	NEWTON	TURNOVERS
DELICIOUS	OLDENBERG	VARIETIES
DESSERT	POME	WINESAP
DISEASES	REDDISH	WORCESTER PEARMAIN
ESOPUS		
FAMEUSE		
BALDWIN		
BITTER-SWEETS		
BLENHEIM ORANGE		
BLOSSOM		



Clue: Type of apple (6,6 letters)

### A Guide to Headmasters



### THE BOY STOOD ON THE BURNING DECK

The boy stood on the burning deck  
Eating peanuts by the peck;  
His father called him, he wouldn't go.  
Because he loved the peanuts so.

AND ...  
The boy stood on the burning deck,  
His feet were full of blisters;  
The flames came up and burned his pants,  
And now he wears his sister's.

American folk rhymes



### The UAS's ALAIS Open Day

(That is: The Universal American School's Arabic Language and Islamic Studies Open Day)

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education, Dr Yacoub Al Sharrar, patronised the UAS's Arabic Language and Islamic Studies Open Day.

Many activities were held in the open day including an exhibition, religious songs, plays reflecting the Islamic and Arab heritage and drawings representing ancient Kuwaiti lifestyles.

Prizes were presented to the winners of the Holy Quran competition held between all the school's (public and private) in Kuwait.

Parents, students and friends also attended the open day.



Above: a little boy recites carefully

Below: girls singing Islamic songs

### Join the dots



### Colour me pretty



### Firsts and lasts

Porridge was a thick vegetable soup when first invented.

When the custom of 'toasting' a person first began it was because a piece of toast was often put into a glass of wine to improve its flavour. So to 'toast' someone meant that it was felt that his presence 'added flavour to the party.'

James Watt, the inventor of the first efficient steam-engine, gave his name to the unit of electric power: the 'watt.'

Proverb: 'First things first.' It is important to do things in the right order; this is called having 'priorities.'

The last time that Texas was the largest state in the USA was in 1959, the year in which Alaska became the forty-ninth state. Alaska is over twice as large as Texas!

The first dye was a red liquid obtained from a Middle Eastern shrub four thousand years ago.

The Indians in South America were taking snuff hundreds of years before it became popular in Europe. In fact many people still take snuff today.

When the United States of America was first formed it consisted of just thirteen states, now there are fifty.

There are only two words in English that end with this combination of letters: '-shion,' they are 'cushion' and 'fashion.'

The feast of St Oswald was first held on 29th of February and it continued to be celebrated on this date until this century when complaints were made that the saint was missing out, with only one festival in four years, because of Leap Years. As a result his feast day was moved back to 28th February.

A very daring American lady called Amelia Bloomer was the first to suggest that women should wear a form of frilled trousers under their skirts instead of so many petticoats. Victorian England was shocked at first but people soon realized how practical they were.



# ARAB TIMES Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION For Rent

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(AT5-46874-3)

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(AT5-46884-2)

### Miscellaneous

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(AT5-TM-2)

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(AT4-46848-3)

I, BHAVIN Dalsukhbhai Mahalepara, holder of Indian Passport No. E 769597 issued in Ahmedabad, hereby change my name to Bhavin Dalsukh Patel.

(AT4-46848-3)

I, MAKHLEPARA Dalsukhbhai Parshotambhai, holder of Indian Passport No. A923329 issued in Kuwait, hereby change my name to Dalsukh Parshotam Patel.

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(AT4-46829-3)

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(AT5-TM-2)

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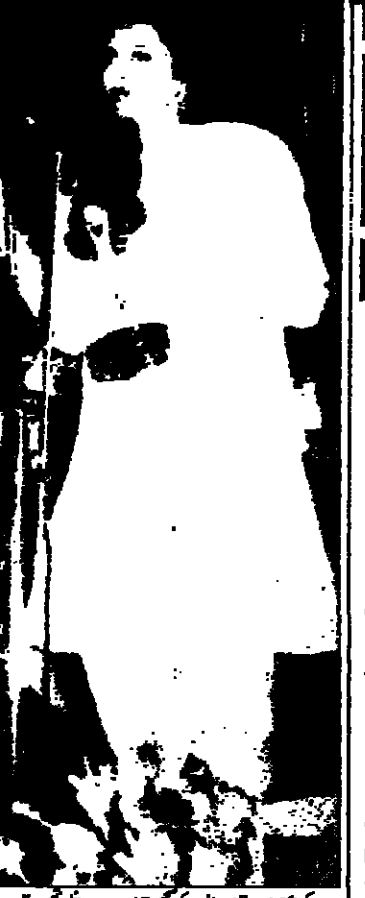


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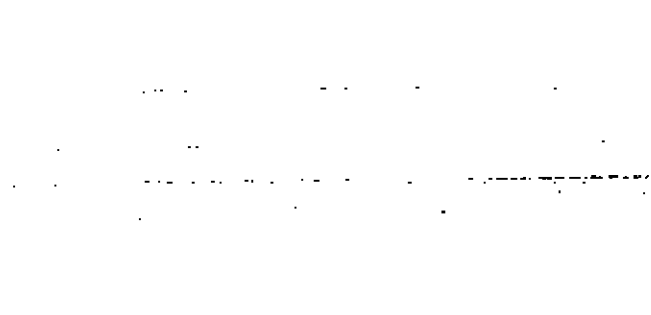
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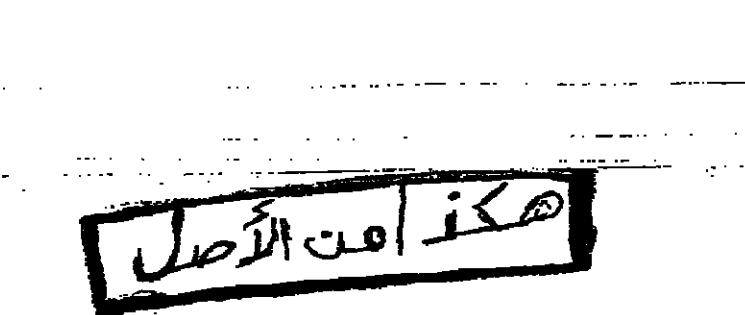
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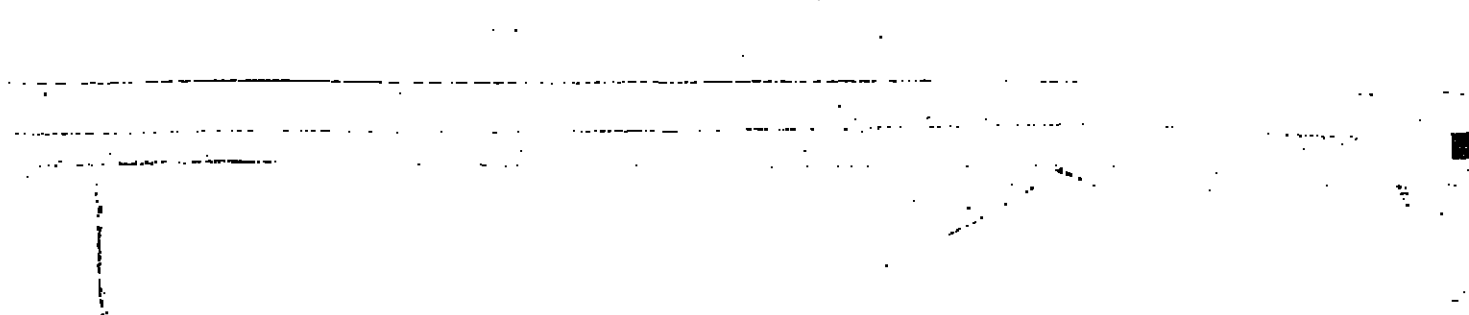
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# USOC wants control of money

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, April 12, (AP): US Olympic Committee President Robert Helmick is leading an effort by the USOC to gain control of the Olympic foundation and its \$160-million investment portfolio.

The Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph, a daily newspaper, reported that Helmick contends the USOC could save \$350,000 by absorbing functions of the foundation's Colorado Springs office into the USOC.

The Olympic foundation was chartered in 1984 to invest a surplus of \$110 million from the Los Angeles Summer Games and a programme of selling commemorative Olympic coins. Since then, the investment portfolio has grown to \$160 million.

The Gazette Telegraph reported Sunday that Helmick wants the USOC to assume the foundation's day-to-day office duties, while maintaining the foundation as a separate entity.

"Our objective is to cut out duplication and cut out as much of that \$350,000 annual overhead as possible," said Helmick. "We don't think we need to have separate offices, separate photocopies, separate telephones."

Helmick said his proposed action is likely to create a conflict between him and Olympic foundation president F. Don Miller, who once was the USOC's executive director.

The move to absorb the foundation and eliminate the foundation office, as well as to change Miller's position from president to president emeritus, first was proposed in February. The USOC administrative committee asked the executive board to consider the proposal. The motion was not acted upon at that time to give foundation officials an opportunity to respond.

The Gazette Telegraph said a vote could be taken by the USOC executive board at its next meeting, scheduled for June 2-4 in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Don may want to fight this," said Helmick. "It's a problem with prior presidents and the USOC. It's hard to get the USOC to fight this. But it has been a wonderful thing for the Olympic movement. But what we're aiming at is high efficiency. There is no other organisation that would allow a subsidiary to start calling the shots."

Miller, who intends to block the move, said the savings that allegedly would be created by eliminating the Olympic foundation are "grossly overstated."

## Kenyan boxers in third round

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 12, (AP): Four Kenyan boxers advanced into the third round of the 15th King's Cup International amateur boxing tournament yesterday at Bangkok's National Stadium.

Nic Odore outpointed Masanori Honda of Japan in the second round in the light welterweight division while Patrick Vaveru beat Thailand's Pad Kongram in the lightweight class.

Another Kenyan Steve Mwama defeated Kraiyos Keaprayoon of Thailand also in the second round and went on to beat Vladislav Antonov of the Soviet Union in the quarterfinals.

In the featherweight division, Charlie Vitakis of Kenya beat Taiwan's Kwang Cheng Kee.

In the flyweight category, Kenyan Monz Monz was eliminated in the first round by Supary Boonrawd of Thailand.

## Second round of women's tennis

# Sabatini overcomes Paz

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla., April 12, (Reuters): Third seed Gabriela Sabatini overcame a mid-match concentration lapse to defeat fellow Argentine Mercedes Paz in the second round of a \$300,000 women's tennis tournament yesterday.

Sabatini, ranked third in the world, is the first player into the third round with her 6-3 4-6 6-2 victory over the 47th-ranked Paz.

Sabatini's was the featured night match and the only one completed yesterday as the afternoon session was washed out by heavy rain.

The third seed controlled the pace throughout the first set with her patented topspin ground-

strokes.

But Paz took advantage of the clay court, softened by the rain, and used an assortment of extremely effective drop shots to break Sabatini's rhythm in the second set.

### Lost

Paz broke Sabatini's in the fourth game to take 3-1 lead, but the third seed immediately broke back. Sabatini lost her serve again in the 10th game on a double fault at set point to level the match.

"I played better and controlled the match in the first set when I moved her around," said Sabatini, who had received a first-round bye.

"I had problems with her drop shots and my concentration in the second set," admitted Sabatini, who also appeared to be struggling with her first serve.

Sabatini, a losing finalist here last year, regained her composure and dominated the deciding set. She broke Paz twice without dropping her own serve.

Second seed Martina Navratilova, the defending champion, and world number one Steffi Graf, the top seed, are scheduled to play second round matches today after receiving opening round byes.

Navratilova faces American Michelle Torres and Graf opens up against American Elise Burgin.

## Athens International Nabisco tournament

# Carlsson, Ageron in second round

ATHENS, Greece, April 12, (AP): The top two seeds won their matches yesterday with ease to advance into second-round play of the Athens International Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Kent Carlsson of Sweden, the number one seed, trounced Martin Sinner of West Germany, 6-2, 6-0. Carlsson, ranked number seven in the world, who has been sidelined for four months with a knee injury, played with ease and overpowered his opponent with steady top-spin ground strokes.

Second seed Ronald Ageron of Haiti easily beat Greece's George Kalovelonis, 6-1, 6-4. Ageron said after the match, "my opponent was really nervous in the first. Despite his stronger

play in the second set, I felt I was always in control."

American Lawson Duncan with powerful drive beat Jesus Colas of Spain in three sets, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Duncan ran into some difficulty in the second set when Colas mixed up his play with a combination of drop shots and strokes down the line but Duncan settled down in the third set and easily won the match.

Yesterday's results in men's singles:

Lawson Duncan, US def. Jesus Colas, Spain, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Kent Carlsson, Sweden, def. Martin Sinner, West Germany, 6-2, 6-0. Ronald Ageron, Haiti def. George Kalovelonis, Greece, 6-1, 6-4. Gustavo Giussani,

Argentina, def. Eduardo Osta, Spain, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. Thierry Champion, France, def. Alessandro de Minicis, Italy, 6-1, 6-1. Stefan Lochbihler, Austria, def. Eduardo Mazza, Italy, 7-5, 6-2. Omar Compostre, Italy, def. Claudio Panata, Italy, 6-4, 6-4. Martin Strelba, Czechoslovakia, def. Tomas Smid, Czechoslovakia, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Results in men's doubles:

Martin Sinner, West Germany, and Michael Stich, West Germany def. Andrei Dirzu, Romania, and Fotis Vazaios, Greece, 6-4, 6-2. Juan Aguilera, Spain, and Alberto Tous, Spain, def. Hanz Schwaier, West Germany, and Paul Vojtisek, West Germany, 6-2, 7-6.



Mike Tyson shakes hands with fans. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Tyson slugs parking lot attendant

LOS ANGELES, April 12, (UPI): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson allegedly slugged a Hollywood nightclub parking lot attendant in the stomach in a dispute on Monday over a parking spot, authorities said.

The attendant, Michael Devine, 33, was not seriously hurt in the incident.

Devine filed a battery complaint against Tyson after walking into the Hollywood division police station about 1:45 a.m. (0545 GMT), department spokeswoman Margie Reid said.

She said police had obtained no independent confirmation the boxer was involved in the incident. Officer Don Lawrence, another department spokesman, said detectives had not interviewed Tyson Monday but planned to talk to him at some point.

### Confirmed

A spokesman for Tyson's adviser Don King confirmed the fighter was at the club, but said he could provide no details of the incident. Repeatedly efforts to reach Tyson's lawyer, Howard Weitzman, were unsuccessful.

According to Devine's complaint, three men in a white Mercedes-Benz pulled into the parking lot of the Palace nightclub and parked in the owner's space, Reid said.

Devine approached the driver and told him he couldn't park in the spot, Reid said.

During an argument that followed, the passenger, who Devine identified as Tyson, "struck the victim in the stomach with the back of his hand," Reid said. The three men then walked into the club.

When he filed his police report nearly two hours later, Devine said "he experienced some pain at the time" of the alleged attack, "but was not in pain at the time of the report," Reid said.

He did not require medical attention, she added.

Tyson has had previous run-ins with parking lot attendants.

### Problem

In June 1987, he allegedly put his arms around an 18-year-old female parking attendant at the Greek theatre in Los Angeles' Griffith Park and said, "give me

a kiss."

The woman's supervisor drove by in an electric cart, saw the tussling and asked her if she was having a problem. Tyson allegedly threw a concert T-shirt at the man's face and struck him with the butt of his open hand. The man suffered a cut lip and sore nose.

Tyson was charged with misdemeanor count of battery and assault with a deadly weapon — his hands. An out-of-court settlement in excess of \$100,000 was reached three months later.

The heavyweight champion was last in the ring Feb 25, when he knocked out England's Frank Bruno to keep his undisputed title. The fight came 11 days after he travelled to the Dominican Republic to obtain a divorce from actress Robin Givens.

A week before Givens filed for divorce last Oct 7, she told television interviewer Barbara Walters that with Tyson was "torture" — pure hell — worse than anything I could possibly imagine. Family members said Tyson beat Givens.

# Jabali upsets Wilkison

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 12, (AP): Brazil's Roberto Jabali upset Tim Wilkison of the United States, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), yesterday in the opening round of the \$230,000 Banespa Open tennis tournament.

Jabali, 18, moved on to the second round by downing Wilkison, the tournament's eighth seed, with blistering passing shots and a tough serve on specially constructed courts on world-famous Copacabana Beach.

Trailing 5-6 in third set, Jabali tied the match with several crisp passing shots before finishing off Wilkison, ranked 23rd in the world by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

In a second upset, Brazil's Marcelo Hennemann tripped up Javier Frana of Argentina, the tournament's sixth seed, 7-5, 7-5. Hennemann beat Frana, last year's Banespa champion, by charging the net at every opportunity and keeping the Argentine off balance with sizzling passing shots.

### Intense

In one of the afternoon's most intense matches, third-seeded Martin Jaito of Argentina came back in thrilling fashion to edge American Kent Kinnear 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 7-5.

In other action, Brazil's Ivan Kley upset Argentina's Marcelo Ingaramo in a tie-breaker, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1; second-seeded Horacio de la Pena of Argentina defeated Brazil's Cesar Krist 6-3, 6-4; Argentina's Eduardo Bengoechea beat Mauro Menezes of Brazil 6-2, 6-2; Australian Peter Doohan edged American John Sobel 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; Sweden's Thomas Hogstedt slipped past Francisco Yunis 6-4, 7-5; and Germany's Patrick Baur beat Mexico's Jorge Lozano 6-3, 6-4.

# Oresar advances

HOUSTON, April 12, (AP): Bruno Oresar of Yugoslavia advanced in the \$200,000 American Capital Invitational at River Oaks country club with a 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 win yesterday over Sammy Giammalva.

Giammalva, after winning only eight points in the first set, had service problems throughout the match but managed to push Oresar into the third set when his forehead went off late in the second set.

Oresar, who hadn't played a match on clay in six months, described the match as strange.

"It was not who was going to play better, but who would make the fewest mistakes," he said. "Until I won the last point I still wasn't confident of winning."

In all, Giammalva had 49 unforced errors while Oresar had 35.

# Muster undergoes operation

VIENNA, April 12, (Reuters): Austrian tennis star Thomas Muster, injured in a freak car accident last month, underwent a successful two-hour operation on his left knee here yesterday, a hospital spokesman said.

The operation to repair torn ligaments on Muster's knee was performed by Austrian specialist Professor Johann Poigenfuerst.

### Rammed

Muster, semifinalist in the Australian Open earlier this year, became the first Austrian player to reach the top 10 in the ATP rankings after beating France's Yannick Noah in the semifinals of the International Player's Championships in Key Biscayne, Florida on March 31.

Two hours after his triumph Muster was pinned under his tournament car after it was rammed head-on by another car as he was removing his kit from the boot outside a Miami restaurant.

He returned home to Vienna with his leg in plaster after doctors decided he should not be operated on at once because of danger of infection from superficial cuts.

Muster spearheaded Austria's 5-0 win over Australia in their first appearance in the Davis Cup world group last February and his absence was sorely felt when Austria lost 4-1 to Sweden in the quarterfinals last weekend.

It is hoped he will be back on the tennis circuit in about six to nine months, the spokesman said.

# Twins score their 12th victory over Tigers

NEW YORK, April 12, (AP): Pinch hitter Carmen Castillo hit a Grand Slam in Minnesota's eight-run eighth inning and Kirby Puckett drove in two runs with a double and homer, leading the Twins to their 12th straight victory over Detroit.

Allan Anderson, 2-0, went seven innings, allowing seven hits as he beat the Tigers for the fourth straight time. Minnesota chased Jack Morris, 0-2, in the fourth inning and, leading 6-0, blew it wide open in the eighth.

Doubles off Mike Henneman by Brian Harper and Greg Gagne made it 7-0 and Wally Backman's single scored Gagne. Puckett walked, leading the bases, and Willie Hernandez relieved and served up Castillo's Grand Slam.

In other games in the American League yesterday, Toronto beat New York 11-6 in 10 innings. Kansas City edged Baltimore 6-5, California beat Oakland 7-1 and Chicago defeated Seattle 8-6.

### Blue Jays 11, Yankees 6

Shortstop Manny Lee, whose ninth-inning error helped New York tie the score, hit a tie-breaking two-run single in Toronto's five-run 10th and the Blue Jays sent the Yankees to their seventh straight also 11-6 last night.

### Errors

Lee and second baseman Nelson Liriano both committed two-out errors in the ninth and each allowed a run to score as the Yankees tied the game 6-6.

But after Dave Righetti took over to start the 10th, singles by Fred McGriff, who homered twice earlier, Pat Borders and Tom Lawless loaded the bases with no one out and Lee followed with his career-high fourth hit.

Lloyd Moseby delivered his second RBI single and George Bell, who had two earlier RBI with a homer and single, hit a two-run double.

### Royals 6, Orioles 5

Bo Jackson and George Brett hit two-run homers and Danny Tartabull had a solo shot as Kansas City posted its 15th consecutive victory over Baltimore.

Ironically, the Orioles set the Major-League record of 23 consecutive wins against one team when they did it against Kansas City in 1969-70.

### Victory

Angels 7, Athletics 1

Bert Blyleven hurled a four-hitter for his first victory with California. Blyleven walked two and struck out five. The 38-year-old right-hander, who is tied with Steve Carlton and Nolan Ryan on the all-time list with 55 shutouts, blanked the A's on two hits until the ninth.

### White Sox 8, Mariners 6

Steve Lyons hit a two-run homer off Seattle reliever Tom Niedenfuer with two out in Chicago's three-run ninth inning. Billy Jo Robidoux doubled with one out and, after Niedenfuer struck out Ron Kittle, Lyons hit his first home run of the season. Eddie Williams followed with a double and scored on Ron Karkovics's single.

# Borg is training very hard

SINGAPORE, April 12, (UPI): Bjorn Borg, the five-time Wimbledon champion who once ruled the tennis world, said he has been training hard for the first of his farewell matches today against John McEnroe, but has ruled out a future on the courts.

After the "reunion tour" of Asian cities — Manila, Taipei and Hiroshima — Borg said he will devote all his energies to his business empire and coaching.

"There will be no more tennis for me, tournaments or exhibitions," said the 32-year-old Borg. "My future involvements in tennis will be strictly in coaching the youth."

"I will be glad to do it in any part of the world."

But Borg is determined the final against McEnroe will be a fight and has been training consistently for the tour since the beginning of the year.

"I'm feeling very fit because I've been playing two hours a day since the beginning of January," he said. "So basically I'm in very good shape and I've been working out very well."

McEnroe, storming back to the form which made him the world's No. 1 from 1981-1984, led the United States to an impressive 5-0 victory over France in the Davis Cup quarterfinals in San Diego, California, last Sunday.

McEnroe was Borg's most feared opponent when they grappled for Wimbledon, the French and US Opens during the Swede's peak in the latter half of the 1970s.

Borg acknowledged he would be at a disadvantage compared with McEnroe, still on the pro circuit. "The one thing is that I have not been playing matches for a long time but basically I'm feeling very good and I'll do my best to win."

### Dismissed

Borg dismissed recent reports about a suicide attempt in Rome earlier this year. "Well, how do I look?" he asked.

"What happened was just a plain food poisoning accident. I went to the hospital for one hour and came out feeling very good again."

Borg, who has made Singapore the Asian headquarters of his business, is considering building a 200 to 300-room hotel specially featuring tennis, golf and ocean sports facilities. With a personal worth estimated at more than \$100 million, Borg owns 75 per cent of the Monaco-based Bjorn Borg group.

The group has set up two companies in Singapore, one operating retail outlets selling menswear and accessories under the tennis stars signature and the other staging sports events.

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## Liverpool return to the top of League

LONDON, April 12, (AP): Goals by John Barnes and John Aldridge gave Liverpool a 2-1 road victory at Millwall last night and sent the defending English League champion back to the top of the standings on goal difference from Arsenal.

Liverpool, which plays in the FA Cup semifinals next Saturday and is on course for another League and Cup double, won its 11th straight game as it rallied after conceding an eight-minute Danis Salmon goal to take all three points.

Barnes tied it at 21 minutes with a header and Aldridge struck a controversial winner four minutes before halftime.

The Millwall players and fans reacted angrily to the goal, Aldridge's 22nd of the season, claiming John Barnes was clearly offside in the build-up. The linesman in fact had raised his flag for offside but it was ignored by the referee, who let the goal stand.

Millwall surged forward in the second half and Dean Horrie hit the bar. But the defending champion held out and climbed on to 63 points from 32 games, the same total as Arsenal but with a superior goal difference.

Liverpool and Arsenal met April 23 in what could be a championship decider.

At the other end of the First Division, bottom club West

Ham's chances of survival worsened still after a 2-1 home defeat against Middlesbrough.

Kevin Keen gave West Ham the lead midway through the first period but Bernie Slaven scored twice in the last six minutes to condemn the Hammers to another loss and keep them six points adrift at the bottom.

### Results

**English Division One:** Millwall 1, Liverpool 2 (brought forward from April 15); West Ham 1, Middlesbrough 2 (postponed from Feb 11).

**English Division Two:** Hull 0, Crystal Palace 1 (Feb 18); Leicester 0, Barnsley 1 (April 5); Shrewsbury 1, Bournemouth 0 (Feb 18); Watford 3, Stoke 2 (Feb 18).

**English Division Three:** Bristol City 0, Brentford 1 (postponed from Jan 7); Sheffield United 0, Cardiff 1 (Nov 1).

**English Division Four:** Hartlepool 3, Scarborough 1 (Jan 7).

### Sheraton bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday.

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## Haynes takes West Indies to brink of victory

Ravi Shastri hits 107 in second innings

BRIDGETOWN, April 12, (Reuters): Desmond Haynes, with a superb unbeaten 81, took West Indies to the brink of victory over India in the second Test after the tourists had batted heroically to set the home side 196 to win.

After the Indians had been all out for 251 in their second innings with Ravi Shastri scoring a gusty 107, West Indies raced to 154 for two in only 37 overs.

Haynes and Richie Richardson took the Indian bowling attack apart after Chetan Sharma had trapped Gordon Greenidge lbw for 6 in the fourth over.

They added 128 for the second wicket in only 28 before Richardson, having raced to his fifty from 61 balls, was bowled by Arshad Ayub after a lengthy discussion between the umpires to decide if the ball had clipped the top of the off-stump.

Haynes was even quicker to his fifty, needing only 45 balls and looks likely to complete his 12th Test hundred on the final day when the formality of victory is complete.

In total he hit 8 fours and a six over mid-wicket off Narendra Hirwani.

Shastri's eighth Test hundred spanned 443 minutes and all but three overs of the innings. He gave only one chance, a difficult

one to Richardson at second slip off Ian Bishop when on 72. Marshall, who did not look as threatening as he had done on Sunday when overtaking Lance Gibbs as the highest West Indies wicket-taker in Tests, broke the lengthy seventh-wicket stand when he yorked Kiran More just after he had completed his first Test 50.

The stand of 132 in 50 overs had taken 215 minutes and was not broken until an hour after lunch.

Although Arshad Ayub was bowled in the same over by Marshall to give him his 20th five-wicket haul in an innings, Chetan Sharma stayed long enough with Shastri both to allow him to reach a thoroughly deserved hundred and to give India a target to defend.

starting on Saturday.

Lara, a left-hander, scored 336 runs at an average of 42 in this year's Red Stripe Cup. He comes into the squad at the expense of fast bowler Winston Benjamin.

**SQUAD:** Viv Richards (captain), Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Gus Logie, Keith Arthurson, Brian Lara, Jeff Dujon, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop, Malcolm Marshall, Patrick Patterson.

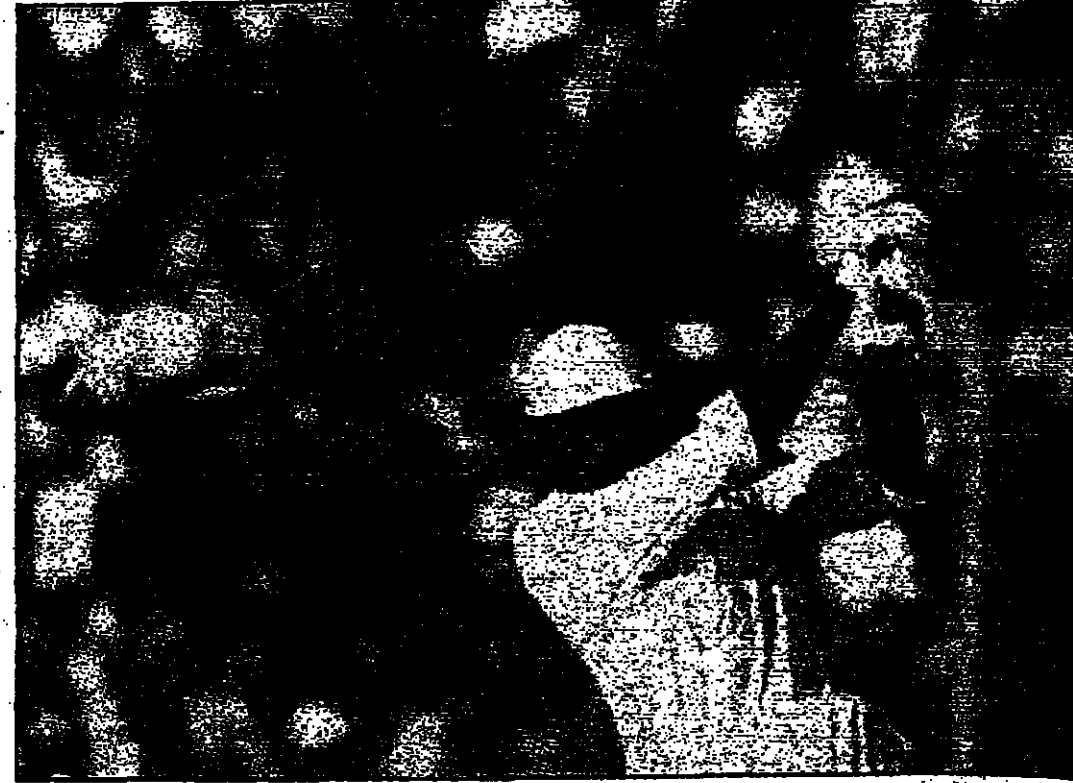
### Scoreboard

**INDIA first innings** 321 (S. Manjrekar 108, M. Azharuddin 61, L. Bishop six for 87)

**WEST INDIES first innings** 377 (G. Greenidge 117, R. Richardson 93, R. Shastri four for 78)

**INDIA second innings** (overnight 81 for 6)

N. S. S. c. Logie b Marshall... 9  
A. S. c. Haynes b Walsh... 12  
S. Shastri c Marshall b Ambrose... 107  
D. Vengarkar c Dujon b Bishop... 6  
M. Azharuddin c Logie b Marshall... 14  
S. Manjrekar c Logie b Ambrose... 3  
Kapil Dev c Dujon b Marshall... 1  
K. More b Marshall... 58  
A. Ayub b Marshall b Ambrose... 21  
C. Sharma c Dujon b Ambrose... 21  
N. Hirwani not out... 1  
Extras (b-16 lb-4 ab-13)... 33  
TOTAL... 251  
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-23 3-32 4-53 5-62 6-83 7-195 8-195 9-245.  
Bowling: Marshall 26-5-60-5.



Shastri: eighth Test hundred  
D. Haynes not out... 80  
R. Richardson by Ayub... 59  
K. Arthurson not out... 2  
Extras (b-4 ab-3)... 7  
TOTAL (for 2 wickets)... 154  
To bat: V. Richards, J. Dujon, A. Ambrose 23-3-46-3, Walsh 20-6-34-1, Bishop 24-7-55-1, Richards 6-0-16-6, Arthurson 1-1-0-0  
WEST INDIES second innings  
G. Greenidge lbw c Sharma... 6

## UEFA gives English clubs permission to compete in Europe

PALMELA, Portugal, April 12, (Reuters): English soccer clubs will be able to return to European competition in the 1990-91 season providing their return is supported by the British government, the European Football Union (UEFA) said yesterday.

UEFA President Jacques Georges announced the decision after a special meeting of the UEFA executive committee in Palma, near Lisbon.

English clubs were banned from European club competitions in 1985 after the Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels which claimed 39 lives.

**Accept**  
"Having regards to the improvements in security of English football recently, the committee has decided to accept the re-integration of English clubs in European competitions from 1990-1991," Georges told a press conference.

Georges said the decision was unanimous.

"This will take place subject to... the British government giving its support to the English Football Association," said

Georges, who added that a European convention on preventing violence in sport would also have to be adopted.

The ban on English clubs followed the 1985 European Cup final between then-English champions Liverpool and Juventus of Italy at the Heysel stadium.

The UEFA chief said he planned to meet the British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan in April next year to finalise details for the planned readmission of the clubs.

Graham Kelly, the English Football Association's (FA) chief executive, said: "We are very pleased indeed with the decision and at last there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

"We could not have asked for a more positive decision," he said.

His reaction was echoed by English League President Jack Dunnett, who, with Kelly, had put forward an hour-long case for English clubs' readmission during a closed-door UEFA meeting here.

Dunnett described the ruling as "a victory for English foot-

ball" and pledged English soccer would continue to work towards eliminating the problem of hooliganism.

Asked about British government reluctance to support immediate readmission, Dunnett said the league had done everything in its power to combat violence but that a hundred per cent guarantee on travelling fans could never be given.

### Praise

"We cannot put a steel ring around Britain," he said.

Replying to reporters' questions, Georges said the conduct of English fans in Italy next year, should England qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals, would be taken into consideration.

He said that the case of Liverpool, who face an extra ban regardless of the readmission of other English clubs, would be discussed later.

Meanwhile, Michel Platini, whose European Cup-winning goal of 1985 was soon forgotten in the aftermath of the Heysel tragedy, led the praise of UEFA's decision.

"I'm very happy about the comeback of English clubs," the French national team manager said. "They bring something fantastic to the sport, especially the European Cups in which they boast the highest number of victories."

"I was always against their ban so I'm delighted they're back," added Platini, whose penalty carried Italy's Juventus to a hollow 1-0 win over Liverpool on the night 39 people, mostly Italian, died in rioting at the Brussels stadium.

Italian Football Federation chairman Antonio Matarrese said in a statement released in Rome he had witnessed in person the Heysel tragedy. "Yet with the passing of years, UEFA's decision seems to us the best way to pay tribute to the Italian fans who were the victims of the tragedy," he said.

Matarrese said he had accepted an invitation from English Football Association chief Kelly to stage a joint publicity campaign in England before the planned readmission.

A Juventus club spokesman

said: "This is good news. Juventus have always been in favour of English clubs being readmitted and our president has said so several times."

In Madrid, the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) said the decision was a good one, so long as measures were taken to eradicate violence.

**Satisfied**  
"We suppose that the UEFA executive committee is satisfied of the guarantee offered by political and sports authorities in the United Kingdom," RFEF President Angel Villar said.

Platini said: "I was very sad after the Heysel drama because fighting and death had replaced passion and cheering which are necessary to the sport."

"It is not a problem for England only. Recently, people died in a rock concert in Mexico. No one banned the Mexican musicians from performing."

French Football Federation President Jean Fournet-Fayard said: "It will bring back to the European Cups some of the interest that has been lacking these last few years."

## Legendary Hunt goes out to Swede

LONDON, April 12, (Reuters): Australian veteran Geoff Hunt failed in his bid to turn back the clock at the British Open Squash Championships yesterday.

The 42-year-old eight-times champion lost a 98-minute second-round marathon 10-8 5-9 8-10 10-8 9-5 to Swedish number one Anders Wahlstedt — a defeat which cost him a nostalgic rematch with defending champion Jahangir Khan.

Hunt was the last man to inflict a British Open defeat on Jahangir when he won their 1981 final. Since then though the Pakistani world number one has been invincible at the Open and this year could equal Hunt's tally of triumphs.

Hunt looked to have secured a shot at Jahangir when he held a match-point at 8-6 in the fourth game against Wahlstedt. But the 24-year-old Swede kept his nerve, went on the attack and finally edged home in a thriller.

Hunt, who has also entered the over-35's tournament here, said: "Jahangir must be favourite to keep his title, and if he does equal my record good luck to him. He deserves it."

### Kasparov wins

BARCELONA, Spain, April 12, (Reuters): Former Russian world champion Garry Kasparov recovered from flu to beat Britain's Jonathan Speelman in the 10th round of the World Chess Cup yesterday.

After three-and-a-half hours of play in a Kings Indian Kasparov won the game, held over from Monday, to take fourth place in the standings with 5-1/2 points.

The game between Valery Salov (Soviet Union) and Jesus Nogueiras (Cuba), adjourned from the ninth round, ended with a victory for Salov after 85 moves.

## Francis forced steroids on athletes: Williams

TORONTO, April 12, (Reuters): A team-mate and close friend of Ben Johnson said yesterday that he split with Charlie Francis because the former national sprint coach was pressuring him to use banned performance-enhancing drugs.

"Drugs played a major role in my decision to leave (the Francis fold)," Desai Williams, Canada's top 200 metres sprinter, said of a four-year split with Francis beginning in 1983.

### Denied

During four hours of sworn testimony before the Canadian inquiry into drug use in amateur sport, Williams denied using anabolic steroids since the late 1970's and said that he even deceived Francis into thinking he took the banned drugs.

"I don't think I was given a fair chance because I think they (steroids) were being pushed on me a little bit too often," he told justice Charles Dubin, who is heading the inquiry.

Williams admitted he did take

the muscle-building chemicals briefly in 1987 under threat of censure from Francis, who was recently suspended from his position as national sprint coach.

"Charlie's philosophy was: 'It's my way or the highway,'" said Williams.

During eight days of dramatic testimony last month, Francis named 13 athletes, including Williams and disgraced Olympic sprinter Johnson, as steroid users under his tutelage.

So far during the athletics portion of the inquiry, eight athletes have admitted taking steroids. Williams and sprinter Andrew Mowatt have indicated they did so under duress.

The inquiry was prompted when Johnson, who has yet to testify, was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal in Seoul after testing positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol.

In addition to pressure from Francis, Williams described other reasons for his decision to use steroids in 1987.



Desai Williams tugs his lip during testimony. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Tie-breaking basket gives victory to Cleveland

NEW YORK, April 12, (AP): Larry Nance returned from a two-game layoff to score 20 points and Ron Harper converted a steal by Nance into the tie-breaking basket with 1:55 left last night as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Philadelphia 76ers 92-90.

Nance, who missed two games because of a sore tendon in his left calf, scored 11 points in the third quarter to help Cleveland build a 13-point lead late in the period.

### Trail

But Philadelphia, which allowed only 17 points in the fourth period, tied the score 86-86 when Hershey Hawkins made a short bank shot with 2:36 to play.

On the 76ers' next possession, Nance deflected a pass in the lane, and Harper drove for the

layup that put Cleveland ahead for good.

The victory was Cleveland's 30th in its last 31 home games, including eight in a row.

Mark Price finished with 19 points and 13 assists for the Cavaliers, who trail Detroit by 2 1-2 games for the Central Division lead. Mike Gminski and Charles Barkley scored 23 each for Philadelphia, whose loss officially gave the New York Knicks the Atlantic Division title.

In other games in the National Basketball Association yesterday, Milwaukee beat New Jersey 125-93, Houston beat Indiana 108-99, Golden State beat Miami 114-98 and Portland defeated Los Angeles 126-102.

Bucks 125, Nets 93  
Ricky Pierce's 19 points and Milwaukee's two scoring spurts,

one closing the first half and the other opening the second, lifted the Bucks to a 125-93 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Terry Cummings added 16 points while Jack Sikma has 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Bucks, whose 47th victory represents a single-season high for Del Harris in six years of coaching in the NBA.

The victory moves the Bucks one-half game ahead of Atlanta for the Eastern Conference's fourth playoff position, which ensures a first-round playoff series at home.

Chris Morris led New Jersey with 25 points.

Rockets 108, Pacers 99  
Otis Thorpe scored 26 points and injured Mike Woodson came off the bench for 21 as the Houston Rockets clinched a

playoff berth by defeating the Indiana Pacers 108-99.

Sleepy Floyd added 13 points and had 12 of his 16 assists in the second half as Houston defeated Indiana for the ninth straight time.

Reggie Miller led Indiana with 24 points and Detlef Schrempf had 21.

Warriors 114, Heat 98

Chris Mullin scored 25 points and Terry Teague had 24 as Golden State improved its record to 11-0 against the NBA's three worst teams with a 114-98 victory over the Miami Heat.

Winston Garland added 18 points and Mitch Richmond 17 as the Warriors stayed unbeaten against Miami, Charlotte and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Rory Sparrow had 18 points and Scott Hastings 17 for the Heat.

## IAAF suggests UN passports for dope squads

MILAN, Italy, April 12, (Reuters): The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is considering seeking United Nations passports for its teams of dope testing flying squads.

IAAF President Primo Nebiolo said yesterday the scheme was one idea under consideration to add surprise to proposed random drugs tests by IAAF inspectors on athletes around the world.

UN passports would allow the anti-doping squads to enter countries without visas — and therefore without warning. In a major escalation in the war on drugs in athletics, the 23-member IAAF council decided at a meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, last week to appoint dope testing teams to conduct tests anywhere at any time.

Nebiolo, who was speaking at a news conference to launch next weekend's marathon World Cup in Milan, said the flying squad teams would consist of two or three people. Any athlete who refused to take their tests, in competition or training, could face suspension, he said.

The flying squad proposals must be approved by the full IAAF Congress in September. IAAF Medical Commission Chairman Arne Ljungqvist said last week that approval was seen as a formality.

Doping in sport has become a major issue since Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics after testing positive for banned anabolic steroids.

About 40,000 dope tests are conducted every year by International Olympic Committee-approved laboratories but random testing is not carried out by several national athletics federations.

Meanwhile, in Indianapolis, Tomie Campbell, bronze medalist in the 110 metres hurdles at last year's Seoul Olympics, has been suspended for failing to take a mandatory drug test, the US Athletics Congress announced yesterday.

The Athletics Congress, the governing body of US athletics, said the suspension took effect on March 11 and would last until June 9.

The announcement was made after the expiry of a 30-day period during which Campbell had the right to appeal against the suspension.

Campbell, 29, the US indoor hurdles champion, failed to appear for a drug test after taking part in a meet in Fairfax, Virginia, on February 5.

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